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| 1. Welcome, Introduction and Announcements | 12:00-12:15 |
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| 3. Discuss the structure of the meeting | 12:25-12:35 |
| 4. Scope of Work & Timeline (possible vote) | 12:35-12:50 |
| - Brainstorm new ideas | |
| - Discuss the ones that are on the sheet (clarification) | |
| 5. Elect Committee Chair/Co-chairs (possible vote) & | 12:50-1:00 |
| -Community members discussion | |
| -Roles & responsibilities of members & staff | |
| 6. Select Regular Meeting Time (possible vote) | 1:00-1:10 |
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Members Present: Gayle Burns, Steve Gibson, Joani Marinoff, John Newmeyer, Frank Strona, Dave Hook, Loris Mattox, Mike Schement, and Ed Velasco.

Members Absent: Teresa Betancourt and Steven Tierney.

Professional Staff: Dara Coan (Harder & Co), Vincent Fuqua (HPS), Joe Imbriani (HPS), Eileen Loughran (HPS), David Weinman (Note Taker), and Allison Weston (Harder & Co).

1. Welcome and Announcements

Interim Co-Chair Gayle Burns called the meeting to order at 12:11 PM. She asked attendees to introduce themselves, make announcements, and as an icebreaker question asked, "*Why are you participating in this Committee?*"

- Dara Coan announced that she will be leaving Harder & Co in April.
 - ⇒ Until then she will be assisting with the transition. She introduced Allison Weston who will be working with this committee and the HPPC.
- It was announced that Dave Hook has been approved as a Community Member of the Committee.

2. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

Steering Committee Update (not on agenda)

- Vincent Fuqua reviewed the discussion at the Steering Committee, and noted that there will be presentations at the next two Council meetings:
 - ⇒ Methamphetamine (Speed) use at the February meeting (02/12/04), and
 - ⇒ Reviewing the Transgender population at the March meeting (03/11/04).
- Joani Marinoff added that there was also discussion of opening the Parking Lot during the February and March Council meetings.
- Joani also noted that this year presentations to the Council would be more oriented toward action, and less centered on distribution of information.

3. Discuss the Structure of the Meeting

Gayle asked the members what sort of procedure they would like to adopt for the Committee's meetings: Roberts Rules of Order, or Consensus

- Several members expressed a preference for the less formal, Consensus, procedures.
- Steve Gibson said that consensus needs to be defined and agreed upon.
 - ⇒ He added that while he supports consensus, when there is dispute there needs to be a vote and/or polling the members.
 - ⇒ Joani noted that there is a continuum of agreement, with consensus somewhere in the middle. She defined consensus as reaching a decision, "*Everyone can live with.*"

It was proposed that the Committee's procedures and decisions be by Consensus -- agreements that everyone can live with; but if there is a dispute to use Roberts Rules of Order to vote or

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poll the members. There was no further discussion, no objections, or abstentions. The proposal was accepted by consensus.

4. Scope of Work & Timeline

Vincent distributed the document entitled, "*Proposed HPPC committees and Scopes of Work for 2004*," a copy of which is available to absent members upon request. He explained that these were the ideas from the Steering Committee. Gayle read the proposed Scope of Work. Dara suggested members brainstorm topics the Committee should explore.

- Dave Hook stated that it would be useful to know what interventions are currently in use.
 - ⇒ He added that it would be particularly useful regarding populations with increasing rates of Incidence such as GWM.
- John suggested taking an inventory of what is working and what isn't.
 - ⇒ He added that, in lieu of budget restrictions, this should be done with a view to defunding some as well as continuing, and/or adding to, the funding of others.
- He also suggested compiling a list of the new interventions available.
- Joani expressed her interest in moving beyond the medical model of one-to-one interventions and exploring group-based or community-based model.
- She added, and later Steve also expressed the view, that "*New Approaches to Prevention*" includes finding other populations at high risk of infection.
- Steve expressed a need to ensure cost effectiveness of prevention.
 - ⇒ Dara noted that the Evaluation Committee is also discussing cost-effectiveness.
 - ⇒ Steve suggested the Committees work together, as the topic is too big for either to fully explore.
- Mike asked if we are looking at new interventions or new ways of doing what is currently being done?
 - ⇒ Dara stated that the original concept was that there are new interventions that are not coordinated.
- Dara suggested looking at how to do interventions in line with the new Plan.
- Joani noted that some "*New Approaches*" might not fit into traditional evaluation criteria, such as cost effectiveness.
- Frank suggested looking at redundancy among agencies and promoting/facilitating collaboration.
 - ⇒ He stated that some clients see several providers with the same interventions.
- Dave stated that Rapid Testing uses the same model of intervention with a new method (one session rather than two) and questioned if this is a "*New Approach*."
 - ⇒ He added that he would like to explore ideas that are "*Out of the box*."
- Loris asked if there is research that shows the effectiveness of different interventions.
 - ⇒ Dara stated that such information is in the Plan.
- Gayle noted that one of the things that the CDC is looking for is identifying Positives with unknown serostatus.
 - ⇒ She added that the Committee needs to balance what the CDC requires with the uniqueness of SF.

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- Dara stated that we need to be clear on what this Committee is going to deal with and focus on.
 - ⇒ She added that if the members intend to look only at "*New Approaches to Prevention for GWM*," it should be clear that this is its scope.
- Joani suggested putting ideas on flip charts so that the brainstorming is more graphical.
- Gayle pointed out that this was the first meeting of the Committee and it is dealing with its scope of work in general terms. She added that specifics would follow at later meetings.
 - ⇒ Eileen added that the goal of this meeting should be to get the general ideas out, which will enable members to get a sense of what needs to be focused on.
- John pointed out that the largest numbers of people at risk are GWM, but that the people most at risk are the Transgendered.
- Joani stated that SF doesn't have data on many of the populations that are at commonly at high risk elsewhere in the country.
 - ⇒ Loris suggested that one of the things the Committee should do is determine if groups at high risk elsewhere, such as African-American woman, are at similar risk in SF.
- Steve stated that not all GWM are at equal risk.
- He added that the model being used by Magnet is showing effectiveness for GWM and may also work for other populations.
 - ⇒ Magnet, he pointed out, is a community-based intervention, not a medical based model.
 - ⇒ He emphasized that when programs listen to what a community wants rather than what the agencies think the community wants, they come up with effective interventions.
 - He pointed out, however, that the interventions that come from what the community wants may not look like the medical-based model.
 - He cited the club, "*Divas*" as providing effective community-based intervention, without prevention funding
- Steve noted that trends go from West Coast to East and that one of his goals would be for some national HIV prevention priorities to be shaped by what the SF HPPC does.
- Frank suggested looking at the existing interventions for current appropriateness and therefore effectiveness.
- Dara suggested that the Committee's scope of work include concrete actions.
- John suggested the "*New Approaches*" Committee explore new modalities.
- Joani stated that she would like to see concrete research and presentations.
- She added the suggestion of exploring a "*Community Organizing Model*" focused on group and community interventions.

In response to Gayle's question, Joani said that the focus of HIV prevention efforts been individual interventions and that continues to be the primary focus & that she wants to see more group-community interventions.
- Mike suggested exploring interventions for newcomers.
- Frank suggested creating a process to review and share new interventions among programs.
 - ⇒ He cited incentives as an example of a technique that should be used in a similar, coordinated way rather than the present variations used amongst agencies.
- He also suggested the Committee explore new ways of evaluating programs, such as peer-reviewed, or having the AIDS Office conduct reviews.

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- In response to Steve's question, Dara said that the date of the next round of RFPs has not been set, but it will be after the Plan's distribution in April.
- Steve suggested requiring concrete outcomes as part of the next RFP cycle.
- Although he noted the idea is controversial, he also suggested community organizing with drug dealers.
- Eileen suggested that a measurable, and practical, outcome could be demonstrated by collaboration between agencies.
- She added that the Community Forum in the Bayview Hunters Point (BVHP) pointed to the need to include HIV prevention in with other services. The integration of Prevention into other services could be a tangible goal for this committee.
- Dara pointed out that Douglas Sebesta would be invited to talk about the "*Thinking outside the box*" workgroup he has been involved with.
- Joani stated that offering HIV prevention through other services is not a "*New Approach*."
 - ⇒ She added that at the BVHP Community Forum the attendees also asked for Social Marketing.

5. Elect Committee Chair / Co-chairs

Election of Co-chairs

Gayle asked for nominations for the role of Co-chairs. Joani, Dave, and Loris were nominated. Dave withdrew. A vote for election of each nominee was called for with the following results.

- ⇒ For Joani Marinoff as Committee Co-chair:
 - There were no objections or abstentions, she was elected unanimously.
- ⇒ For Loris Mattox as Committee Co-Chair:
 - There were no objections or abstentions, she was elected unanimously.

Joani will be the Steering Committee representative, although Loris will also attend meetings from time to time.

Community Members Discussion

- Dara suggested members look for and suggest Community Members to participate in the Committee.
 - ⇒ In particular, she asked members to look for Community Members to fill any gaps in the Committee's participation, if any.
- Steve suggested finding a Transgendered person as a Community Member.
- Joani had a suggestion for a committee member. She asked that an application be sent to her.

6. Select regular meeting time

The Committee agreed, by consensus, to meet the third Monday of each month between 5:00 - 6:30 PM.

- ⇒ The third Monday in February (02/16/04), however, is '*Presidents' Day*' so for the February meeting the Committee agreed to meet on the 02/23/04 5:00 - 6:30 PM.

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7. Process Evaluation Discussion

Vincent explained that there are several ways for the Committee to provide input to this process, including zoomerang through e-mail, forms at each meeting, or quarterly meetings with a Process Evaluation consultant.

- Discussion followed.


The proposal was made that the Committee adopt Zoomerang through e-mail as a means of conducting Process Evaluation. There was no further discussion. No objections or abstentions were raised. Consensus was reached to use Zoomerang e-mail for Process Evaluation.

8. Evaluation and Closure

The meeting adjourned at 1:38 PM

*THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2004
FROM 5:00 TO 6:30 PM - 25 VAN NESS AVENUE, SUITE 330A*

Minutes were prepared by David Weinman, Reviewed by Vincent Fuqua, Eileen Loughran, Joani Marinoff and Loris Mattox.



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| 2. Public Comment | 5:10-5:20 |
| 3. Approve 1/27 minutes (vote) | 5:20-5:25 |
| 4. Scope of Work & Timeline (possible vote) | 5:25-6:05 |
| - Review list from brainstorm | |
| - Prioritize Categories from list | |
| 5. Discuss strategy for next meeting (possible vote) | 6:05-6:15 |
| - Develop Timeline | |
| - Finalize Goal / Action Plan | |
| 6. Discuss selected meeting time (possible vote) | 6:15-6:25 |
| 7. Closing and Evaluation | 6:25-6:30 |

Next meeting will be March 15, 2004 from 5:00-6:30

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1. Welcome and Announcements

Joani Marinoff called the meeting to order at 5:08 PM. She noted Loris Mattox was scheduled to chair the meeting but wasn't able to attend. She invited attendees to introduce themselves and make announcements.

- Joani announced that SF City College is holding a conference, 03/02 & 03/04 with frontline HIV prevention staff.
 - ⇒ The event is to help form relevant curriculum for the SFCC program.
 - ⇒ She asked members to relay they names of interested frontline staff.
- Dara Coan announced that her official last day with Harder & Company will be 04/16/04.
- Steve Gibson suggested members go to City Hall to watch same-sex couples getting married, which he described as, "Amazing."

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes from 01/27/04 Meeting

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the 01/27/04 meeting. There was no discussion, or objection. The minutes were approved without abstention.

4. Scope of work & timeline

Review list from brainstorm

Joani explained that at the last meeting the Committee came up with a list of ideas from the brainstorm. Joani reviewed the document distributed entitled, "*New Approaches to Prevention Committee, Possible Activities*" that summarizes that brainstorm.

- She observed that the original vision for the Committee centered on, "...new approaches already in use..." which had the least attention from members during the brainstorm.

Prioritize Categories from list

- Joani suggested that the items on the list be prioritized and pared down.
 - ⇒ She also suggested the next meeting focus on creating a realistic timeline of what the Committee could actually accomplish during the year.
- Steve Gibson noted that some items belong to another Committees' scope of work.
 - ⇒ Joani added that the Evaluation Committee would handle Cost Effectiveness and Evaluation.

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- Steven Tierney complimented Allison on putting the brainstorm together in an organized list.
- He suggested using the next RFP as a way of sorting the items.
 - ⇒ He also suggested focusing on, and prioritizing, ways of reaching people who are not already receiving services (New People).
 - ⇒ Outreach and social marketing, he observed, are the usual ways of reaching new people.
 - ⇒ He noted however, that little outreach is currently being conducted involving people who are not already involved in some service.
 - ⇒ He recommended looking at the Internet and new arrivals as a way to reach New People.
- He also stated the need to coordinate outreach, including the issue of incentives.
- John Newmeyer stated that we haven't tapped the resources among sex workers - particularly the upper reaches of the profession.
 - ⇒ Their skills, he noted, could be useful to others, including how to negotiate the use of condoms as well as overall sexual practices.
- Ed then asked if the Committee was setting the scope of work for just this year.
 - ⇒ Steven T. responded that the scope of work is for the remainder of 2004.
- Dave Hook stated that we should look at different interventions for diverse populations, as one size doesn't fit all.
- Joani stated that she and Loris have discussed the importance of looking at the risks being faced by African-America woman a population that seems to be under reported.
- Ed asked if we need to conduct more research, or if sufficient data exists.
 - ⇒ Dara stated that whatever the Committee does may involve some data gathering as opposed to conducting new research.
 - She noted recent SCANs in the Tenderloin (TL) and Bayview Hunter's Point (BVHP).
- Ed also asked if incentives distort the data
 - ⇒ Steven T. noted that cash incentives have been paid for testing, getting results and for initiating service.
 - ⇒ Studies show significant participation fall-off, he added, when incentive stopped.
 - ⇒ He nonetheless stated a personal ethical question about using cash incentives.
- Steven T. suggested spending half of each meeting reviewing working on a single large project and the other half looking at specific populations.
- Steve G. emphasized it is well documented that incidence is increasing and who is at risk.
- He added that New People probably don't respond to current interventions (like going to meetings), or they already would have, so new ways to reach them are needed.
 - ⇒ He suggested focusing on finding ways of reaching people.
- Mike Schement suggested prioritizing three approaches:
 - 1) Using the Internet to reach New People;
 - 2) Devising interventions focused on Internet users; and
 - 3) Reaching new arrivals and visitors to SF.
- John stated that he has been an advocate of legalization of drugs for many years, however, he has come to the conclusion that Speed should be an exemption.
 - He emphasized that Speed is a drug of self-deception, making users delusional.

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- Unlike cocaine and other drugs, he added, there are no light versions to help people quit.
- ⇒ He pointed out that 12-step and faith-based programs take an absolutist approach.
 - He recommended finding how effective these interventions are with Speed.
- ⇒ He emphasized that the community should not tolerate the use of Speed.
- Steven T. suggested approaching new approaches to prevention by these categories:
 - A. Who needs Prevention Services?
 - * TG
 - * AA women
 - * Sex workers
 - * Out of School youth
 - * New comers
 - * Speed Users
 - B. How to reach them?
 - * Outreach
 - * Incentives
 - * Internet
 - * Community "Workers" churches, hair dresses, bartenders
 - * Social services, medical services, etc.
- Steve G added:
 - C. Do they want Prevention - what do they want?
 - * He pointed out that people don't really want prevention services; but they do want job training and the like.
 - * He added the importance listening at community meetings to determine what people actually want; which is often simple and direct.
- Gayle believes the list of issues needs narrowed down and that some issues be put on the 'back-burner' such as identifying unstudied/unknown populations.
- She also suggested collaborating with others working on outreach to New People.
- Dara stated that Committees and the Council have approached prioritizing interventions in the past and that each time it has gotten stuck.
 - ⇒ The prevailing belief has always been, she added, that providers should set priorities for interventions.
- Dave stated that we need to get into the current factors that lead to unsafe sexual practices; adding that it isn't the same as 10 years ago.
 - ⇒ He cited the gay men's community where people no longer talk about safe sex, or condoms, although some regularly check their serostatus.
- Steven T. commenting on the quantity of issues in the overview A), B), & C) stated that not all of the categories could be addressed in the remaining 10 months of this year.
 - ⇒ He added that the nature of Community Planning is that it looks at both hard data / research as well as members' experience and perspective.
 - ⇒ He suggested taking one "*How to reach them*" (B) category for the year's focus.
- Ed expressed concern about how the Internet could be a way of reaching people (B).
 - ⇒ In response Mike noted that appropriate Harm Reduction messages could be used in Chat Rooms such as, "*Thinking about hooking up? Be prepared.*"
 - ⇒ He added that with creativity a variety of interventions could be available.
- John stated that there is a lack of consumer information regarding condoms.

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- ⇒ He suggested printing a card listing the appropriate uses, strengths, and weaknesses of different brands, and/or types of condoms.
- ⇒ He pointed out that the Institute for the Advanced Study of Sexuality published a list several years ago, but that it would need to be updated.
- Mike said that his suggestion about newcomers and visitors isn't about telling them where services are available, but to provide them with an overview of The City's risks and perils.
- Joani noted that both 2003 SCANS (TL & BVHP) pointed to community members wanting culturally appropriate Social Marketing.
- Overall, she stated, she liked the Committee working on groups not getting services (A).
- Steven T. agreed that the Council has had difficulty prioritizing interventions, but that the New Approaches Committee could offer just that - a new way of reaching people at risk (B).
 - ⇒ He added that it should include looking at coordinating outreach and incentives; topics also raised by the TL & BVHP SCANS.
- Dara stated that rather than examining population(s), starting with intervention(s) (B) is a new way of looking at outreach - a "*New Approach*."
- Dave stated that there is a need to establish a new norm in the gay men's community regarding discussion safer sex, serostatus, and the like.
- Joani observed that examining populations needing services (A) and how to reach New People (B) are interconnected, looking at both at risk groups as well as interventions.
 - ⇒ She added that rather than focusing on searching for populations missed, this is a new and positive way of approaching prevention.
- Dara asked when the RFP is due out.
 - ⇒ Steven T. responded that it is scheduled for the end of the calendar year.

Conclusion/Agreement(s)

Joani asked members if there were reservations, or objections, to the proposed approach.

- Steven T. stated that the suggested approach is to first find ways of reaching New People.
 - ⇒ The Council, he noted, usually evaluates if the groups at risk (A) are accessing services.
- Steven T. suggested that the Committee's scope of work should come out of the three categories offered: A) Who needs services; B) How do we Reach people not getting service; and C) What do people want/ Do they want Prevention Services? The group should explore these topic areas.

(1) Outreach

- Who is not in prevention services
 - * Getting people into services
 - * Key informant data = missed population
- Why aren't people in services
- Fund level 1 (getting people into services) services / interventions; and

(2) Keeping them in services.

- Dara pointed out that there is no money budgeted for new research this year, although there may be enough budgeted for 10 key informants interviews.
 - ⇒ Steve G. asked if there would be enough to do focus groups for people not in services.
 - ⇒ Dara said, "*Probably not*," but there is already data available that could be compiled.

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- Steve G. pointed out that Magnet's direction was formed by a series of interviews conducted that gave a good indication of what community members wanted and needed.
- Joani suggested that the reason some populations might not show as being highly at risk is because they are not being tested as frequently as some other populations.
 - ⇒ Gayle noted that many of the people she deals with are under tested and expressed how useful it would be to be able to offer testing.

The proposal was made for the Committee Co-chairs and professional staff to develop an action plan on how to get people who are not in service into services. The committee will finalize their scope of work at the next meeting, and spend the remaining 2004 term working on it. There was no further discussion. No objections were raised. The proposal was agreed by consensus.

5. Develop Strategy for Next Meeting

It was agreed to focus on what the Co-chairs and professional staff draft at the next meeting. The group will also discuss the timeline for their work.

6. Discuss selected meeting times

Joani noted due to scheduling conflicts, including those of Teresa Betancourt, there had been a suggestion to move Committee meeting times. Discussion followed.

Suggestion was made and tentatively agreed upon to meet every other 3rd Monday at 5:00 PM and in alternate months on Tuesday at 11:30 AM. Agreement was reached contingent on Teresa and Loris' schedules permitting and that the next meeting would be Tuesday March 16th.

- Eileen Loughran said that if this works for absent members she would distribute a full schedule to members and professional staff by e-mail.

7. Evaluation and Closure

Eileen noted that the Committee agreed to evaluation by Zoomerang, but that she has not as yet heard back from the Process Evaluation team.

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM

*THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 16TH, 2004
FROM 11:30 AM TO 1:00 PM - ROOM 330 A*

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| 5. Review new Directions (vote) | 12:05-12:25 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Present populations from brainstorm- Finalize populations/interventions for committee's work | |
| 6. Finalize Timeline/ Action Plan (vote) | 12:25-12:35 |
| 7. Begin Strategy for next meeting (vote) | 12:35-12:55 |
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Members Present: Teresa Betancourt, Gayle Burns, Steve Gibson, Janetta Johnson, Joani Marinoff, Loris Mattox, Steven Tierney, and Ed Velasco.

Members Absent: Dave Hook, John Newmeyer, Mike Schemment, and Sabrina Suico

Professional Staff: Vincent Fuqua (HPS), Eileen Loughran (HPS), Tracey Packer (HPS), David Weinman (Note Taker), and Allison Weston (Harder & Co).

1. Welcome and Announcements

Loris Mattox called the meeting to order at 11:48 PM. She welcomed the attendees and asked them to introduce themselves and make relevant announcements.

- Ed Velasco announced the AHWG 2004 Conference and asked attendees to check their website for additional information (www.AHWG.net).
- Joani Marinoff announced the "Transgender Voices - Transgender Rights" event at SFCC.
⇒ She noted that the group is trying to negotiate a presentation at the LGBT Center.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Update from Steering Committee

Joani provided the Steering update. She reported that at the February Steering committee meeting there was a discussion of a comment that was made by one of the presenters at the Council meeting. Some members noted that they felt hurt by the comment. The Steering Committee discussed how to handle this situation, and what steps to take to avoid any similar situations with presenters. One idea discussed was to give presenters an overview of who the Council is, and guidelines for working with this diverse group.

The Steering Committee also discussed how to ensure that proper pronouns are used when addressing a transgendered individual. It was suggested that the Diversity Training should be broad and focus on understanding issues related to different cultures, genders, sexual identity, and not just limited to racial or ethnic differences.

4. Approval of Minutes from 02/23/04 Meeting

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the 2/23/04 meeting. There was no discussion, or objection. The minutes were approved without abstention.

5. Review new Directions

Allison Weston distributed the document entitled, "*New Approaches Committee: Proposal for Next Steps*," a copy of which is available to absent members upon request. She explained the

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document is intended to summarize the Committee's work from the last meeting. The objective of the document is to narrow the scope of what 'New Approaches' means in order to establish achievable goals for the year. She reviewed the three parts as follows.

Part I Possible Guiding Question and Goals for the Committee

At the last meeting the Committee talked about getting people into prevention services, and then expanded the scope to include getting people more involved.

Part II Proposal for Committee Process to Address the Guiding Question

The Committee also discussed choosing three to seven at risk populations that are not currently being adequately served to focus on, or prioritize.

Part III Possible Populations/Approaches to Consider

The list provided includes those identified as inadequately served, although it may not be comprehensive. The "Cons" of the rationale has not been included, and she suggested the Committee work together of that.

Allison suggested that the Committee discuss a plan for the year's work, by choosing several populations to work on. The group will finalize a timeline at the next meeting.

Discussion

- Janetta Johnson asked if the proposal deals only with prevention services for negatives or if it includes Prevention for Positives.
 - ⇒ Joani responded that this Committee should address all services, as there is a committee dealing specifically with Prevention for Positives.
 - ⇒ Janetta noted that her experience is that there are many advantages to working with both Negative and Positive people, including that it makes it easier for people to get involved in services without having to identify as Positive.
- Allison asked the Committee how many populations we should focus on this year.
- Joani stated that the Proposal from Allison summarizes the previous discussion very well.
 - ⇒ She noted that outreach specifically to people who are not currently getting services is the expanded definition of "Outreach" discussed.
 - ⇒ She suggested the Committee brainstorm the socioeconomic and political influences that relate to prevention to come up with ways of addressing them.
- Teresa Betancourt asked how funding fits into all of this.
 - The Committee, she added, should make sure that the recommendations can be put into action.
 - ⇒ Joani stated that part of what the Committee is doing is developing criteria for the RFP
 - Steven Tierney added that the RFP is due to be written in the fall 2004.
- Joani stated that the Committee had also discussed that part of "New Approaches" involves collaborating, and looking at the whole picture of HIV services.
- Steve Gibson stated that another part of what the Committee discussed as "New Approaches" is exploring what is and isn't working.
 - He cited the AIDS Service Organizations (ASOs) that aren't open when sex workers in the Tenderloin actually need services.
 - He added that while the Council doesn't monitor services, it can/does set standards.
 - ⇒ Steven Tierney noted that it is appropriate for the Council to note that agencies, for instance, aren't open when sex workers need services.

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- Tracey Packer stated that starting an exploration with the populations affected is appropriate because it permits the Committee to examine what agencies are, or aren't providing services, as well as looking at collaborations.
- Joani stated that she agrees with starting with populations.
 - ⇒ She reminded the Committee that Dara Coan pointed out some of the Council's previous attempts to deal with populations and the resistance it encountered.
- Eileen Loughran stated that Mike Schement suggested adding "*MSM looking for sex on the Internet*," to the list of possible populations to be focused on.
 - ⇒ She also reported that Mike noted that the Council spent a lot of time last year looking at populations, subpopulations, and cofactors and that the Committee should include those deliberations in its decision-making.
- Allison added that some approaches are appropriate for one population, but not necessarily for another.
- Tracey pointed out that the Community Planning Guidance allows the Council to specify interventions for specific populations.

Loris, as Chair, suggested the Committee discuss each section of the proposal. The Committee accepted the suggestion without objections.

Part I - Guiding Question and Goal for the Committee.

Proposed Question: "*How do we get people more engaged in/excited about HIV prevention?*"

- Steve G proposed that people might not really care about HIV prevention.
- Tracey said that people would be more engaged, particularly if the approach doesn't look like HIV prevention.
- Steve G asked if the intention is to just "*Pretty up*" prevention.
 - ⇒ Several members stated that this is not the intention.
- Janetta stated that there might be really good ways of marketing prevention, including messages such as, "*Keep yourself safe until things get better.*"
- Allison pointed out that the 2004 Plan discusses prevention that relates to community level interventions, social marketing, cofactors and many of the issues raised at the Council meeting 03/11/04.
- Teresa said that the Council might not be able to get everyone excited about prevention, but it is important to provide Harm Reduction to those that can be reached.
 - ⇒ She noted that from her personal experience working with at risk populations that not everyone can be reached, but that some will hear the message.
- Joani said that it might be useful to define what is meant by, "*Broadening prevention strategies.*"
 - ⇒ In response, Ed suggested that the phrase's meaning might go without saying.
 - ⇒ Joani stated that if that were so there wouldn't be a need for this discussion.
- Steven T said that the challenge regarding getting people excited about prevention relates to language used inside and outside the group.
 - ⇒ He explained that Council members and the provider community have an understanding of certain words and phrases that people outside of the group wouldn't understand, or would interpret differently.

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- ⇒ The question is how to reach these people so that they can share the skills they have, or build new skills.
 - New approaches, he emphasized, is about community health.
- The Committee agreed, without dissent, or abstention with the concepts put forward by Steven Tierney.

Part II - Committee Process to Address the Guiding Question

The proposal was to focus on three to six populations who are either experiencing increasing risk and in need of renewed prevention efforts, or are at high risk and not being reached effectively.

- Steven T. pointed out that the Council has ceased referring to any group as an "*Emerging Population*."
 - He pointed out that if the definition of an "*Emerging Population*" was growing incidence, GWM would certainly qualify; although this isn't what is intended.
- ⇒ He stated that what is needed is another way of addressing the groups of people who are either not being reached or are not connecting with prevention services.

There was agreement without objection, or abstention not to use the term, "*Emerging population*" in the Committee's papers.

- Both Ed and Tracey suggested the second bullet under the proposal's Part II describes who needs to be reached (less the term "*emerging populations*"):
 - ⇒ "*These populations should meet one or more of the following criteria:*
 - One Populations with increasing risk for whom renewed prevention efforts are needed*
 - Two Populations at high possible risk who are not being reached effectively or at all."*
- Steve G asked if One and Two could be combined.
 - ⇒ Allison responded that:
 - People covered by the first criteria are being reached with services but those services are not working, or not working enough; and
 - People discussed in the second criteria, essentially, aren't being reached.
- Steve G suggested that new or renewed interventions be point One, and that sprucing up prevention services should be a separate point (Two).
- Joani stated that there seems to be two concepts:
 - a) New interventions for at risk groups that are not being reached, and
 - b) Interventions for groups that are not being adequately addressed.
- Steven T said that there are two groups:
 - a) The population(s) with rising incidence
 - * Proven statistically and with trend analysis; and
 - b) The population(s) expected to be at high risk
 - * Not proven, no local statistics, but suspected anecdotally.
- Tracey asked what the Committee wants to focus on one or both of the groups being described.
 - She questioned if there is adequate time to deal with both.
 - She added that it seems the Committee should deal first with known high risk.

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- * She pointed out that the Committee is really dealing with three at risk groups: High, Medium, and Possible; and questioned addressing the groups with Possible Risk before those at Medium or High Risk.
- ⇒ Joani questioned if African-American women are being missed, particularly as data from other areas of the country indicate that this is a population with rising incidence although local data doesn't identify them as such.
- ⇒ Steven T noted that only east of St Louis are the statistics showing African-American women at particularly high risk.
 - He added that NYC is starting to see a pattern similar to SF's where the increased incidence is essentially among GWM.
- ⇒ Joani suggested a subproject to specifically explore SF's experience regarding African-American women.
- ⇒ Tracey stated that there is most likely a need for better screening and testing among that population, but this might not be the purview of this Committee.
 - Joani indicated that this was part of the Committee's purview at its inception.
- ⇒ Tracey noted that the Committee discussed ensuring prevention was integrated into other, existing, health services as an appropriate approach to prevention needs of African-American women.
- Ed asked if the Council would be able to fund recommendations made by this Committee.
 - ⇒ Steven T stated that the Council could recommend allocating funds in specific ways.
- Loris stated that it would be difficult to address both points One and Two this year.
 - ⇒ Allison pointed out that rather than limiting its efforts to points One or Two, the Committee could limit the number of populations it deals with (Part III).

Agreement was reached without objection, or abstention to keep both points One and Two (as above) and apply those criteria to the chosen focus population(s).

Part III - Populations/Approaches to Consider

- Joani pointed out that the Committee added "*MSM finding sex on the Internet.*"
- Ed asked if the Committee were going to propose several approaches.
 - ⇒ Joani said that once populations were prioritized the Committee should be open to approaches specific to groups.
- Gayle Burns asked about African- American women who have sex with bisexual men.
 - ⇒ Steve G noted that people who actually identifying as "*bisexual men*" is very narrow.
 - ⇒ Gayle suggested changing the focus from "*African-American women,*" to "*African-American women who have sex with MSM.*"
 - ⇒ Tracey suggested that it be "*African-American women at high risk.*"

Loris suggested going down the list of possible focus populations. There were no objections and the Committee stated and the first proposed focus population (API MSM). Shortly after starting that review the Committee decided it should first discuss how to proceed. The following summarizes the discussion.

- Steve G observed that the Committee would probably find all of the proposed focus populations valid.
- Ed stated that several groups could be combined; such as "*MSM speed,*" "*MSM high risk sex,*" and "*MSM Internet sex.*"

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- ⇒ Joani said that "*Heterosexually identified MSM*" might address the "*Bayview*" group.
- ⇒ Gayle noted that the list of populations would, over time, narrow down due to overlap.
- Steven T noted the use of the terms "*MSM*" and "*G/MSM*" with the later being Gay identified MSM.
 - ⇒ He explained that "*MSM*" refers only to behavior, whereas "*G/MSM*" also indicates the community of gay men with cultural and societal implications.
 - He pointed out that SF pioneered the use of the term "*G/MSM*" and advocated for the distinction nationally.
 - He urged the Committee to adopt the use of these terms.
- Steve G stated that the population should be, "*MSM drug users*," rather than, "... *speed users*."

It was proposed and the Committee agreed, without dissent, or abstention to focus on seven populations with the understanding that it would probably narrow later.

It was proposed and the Committee agreed, without dissent, or abstention to choose from the list of Possible Focus Populations by polling members, with each member voting for seven possibilities, and with the seven populations receiving the most votes to be the Committee's focus for 2004.

Possible Focus Population	Vote
API MSM	1
MSM speed users	7
African-American women	1
Out of school youth	4
Newcomers to San Francisco	1
MTF transgendered	4
FTM transgendered	0

Possible Focus Population	Vote
Sex workers in the Polk district	0
Gay men having high-risk sex	3
Heterosexually identified MSM	3
Bayview	3
Tenderloin	1
MSM looking for sex on the Internet	3

6. Finalize Timeline/ Action Plan

Loris suggested and the Committee agree without dissent, or abstention to move this item to the next meeting (04/19/04).

7. Begin Strategy for next meeting

- Allison suggested deciding which populations to deal with first and Harder & Co putting some information together for the next Committee meeting.
 - ⇒ Steve G asked if Harder & Co could provide some information on all seven populations with a view to combining items.

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- Loris suggested the Committee Co-chairs and HPS professional staff propose a timeline and discuss what can be put together for the next meeting.
- Steven T suggested Harder & Co put together bullet points on the top three populations (by vote) and a listing of recent data collected on all seven.
 - ⇒ He noted that among other things this would highlight any gaps.
 - ⇒ Allison said they could do so.

Agreement was reached without dissent, or abstention that Harder & Co will provide a background on all seven focus populations; and the Committee Co-chairs and HPS professional staff will put together something on funneling down the quantity of possible focus population, as well as a proposed timeframe.

8. Evaluation and Closure

Eileen noted that all members would get a Zoomerang evaluation through email.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM

*THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, APRIL 19TH, 2004
FROM 5:00 PM TO 6:30 PM - ROOM 330 A*

Minutes were prepared by David Weinman, reviewed by Eileen Loughran, Vincent Fuqua, and Joani Marinoff.

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AGENDA

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| 1. Welcome, Introduction and Announcements | 5:00-5:10 |
| 2. Public Comment | 5:10-5:20 |
| 3. Update from Steering Committee | 5:20-5:30 |
| 4. Approve 3/16 minutes (vote) | 5:30-5:35 |
| 5. Review Timeline/Action plan (vote) | 5:35-5:45 |
| 6. Begin Discussion of Populations: G/MSM speed users | 5:45-6:25 |
| a. Identify Issues (15 mins) | |
| b. Discuss what needs to happen (relating to the issues)? (15 mins) | |
| c. Identify Steps: | |
| 1. How can we make it happen? | |
| 2. Who needs too do what? | |
| 3. How are we going to do it? | |
| 7. Closing & Evaluation | 6:25-6:30 |

Next meeting will be May 18, 2004 from 11:30-1:00 PM

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Members Present: Steve Gibson, Dave Hook, John Newmeyer, and Mike Schement.

Members Absent: Teresa Betancourt, Gayle Burns, Janetta Johnson, Joani Marinoff, Loris Mattox, Sabrina Suico, Steven Tierney, and Ed Velasco.

Professional Staff: Vincent Fuqua (HPS), Eileen Loughran (HPS), David Weinman (Note Taker), and Allison Weston (Harder & Co).

1. Welcome and Announcements

Vincent Fuqua facilitated the meeting because both Co-chairs were absent. He noted that attendance did not constitute quorum. He added that although discussion could proceed, official action would be deferred until the next meeting. He asked attendees to introduce themselves and make relevant announcements.

- Steve Gibson announced the open microphone event at Magnet, "*Smack Drip, AKA Smack Dab*" on the third Wednesday of each month, with sign up at 7:30 and performances beginning at 8:00 PM.
 - ⇒ He noted that the first of this series would be held on Wednesday 04/21/04.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Update from Steering Committee

Eileen Loughran provided an overview of the most recent Steering Committee meeting. It dealt largely with finalizing the agenda for the 04/08/04 Council meeting focusing on the FTM Transgender population. She also noted that the Process Evaluation team will begin to attend Steering and Council on a quarterly basis. Committees are encouraged to use Zoomerang email for evaluation.

- Allison Weston added there was also discussion about handling suggestions for action from Council meetings.
 - ⇒ This led to the "*Action Plan*" process explained at the 04/08/04 meeting.

4. Approval of Minutes from 03/16/04 Meeting

Approval of the Minutes was referred to the next Committee Meeting, 05/18/04.

Committee Meeting Schedule (Not on Agenda)

- Steve suggested that due to low attendance, the Committee should review its meeting schedule of alternating dates and times.
- Eileen noted that Teresa Betancourt was the only member who reported not being able to regularly attend the Monday night meetings.
- Steve said that members should be encouraged to attend the meeting. Members should be reminded that this is part of the commitment they made when they joined the Council.
 - ⇒ He highlighted that lack of attendance affects the group's ability to function.
- Dave Hook added that aside from quorum, the Committee needs participation from all of the members to be effective in their work.

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- Steve stated that the alternating date/time schedule causes confusion.
 - ⇒ Eileen noted that she has made extra effort to remind members of upcoming meetings.
- Mike Schement noted that there was quorum at the Tuesday afternoon meeting
- Allison suggested the HPS follow-up with Committee members regarding attendance, particularly when a member hasn't given advanced notice of their inability to attend.
 - ⇒ Vincent and Eileen said that they would contact those members.

5. Review Timeline/Action Plan

Allison reminded the members that at the last Committee meeting (03/16/04) it finalized the Action Plan and decided on the seven populations to prioritize:

Prioritized Population

- 1) Gay/MSM Speed Users,
- 2) Out of School Youth,
- 3) MTF Transgendered,
- 4) G/MSM Cruising the Internet for Sex,
- 5) Gay Men Having High-Risk Sex,
- 6) Heterosexually Identified MSM, and
- 7) The Bayview Hunter's Point Neighborhood.

Meeting Date

- Monday, 04/19/04
Tuesday, 05/18/04
Tuesday, 05/18/04
Monday, 06/21/04
Monday, 06/21/04
Tuesday, 07/20/04
Tuesday, 07/20/04

Eileen drafted and distributed the document entitled, "*HIV Prevention New Approaches to Prevention Committee, Proposed Work Plan and Timeline*," a copy of which is available to absent members upon request. Allison pointed out that the Timeline enables the Committee to make recommendations to the Council by the end of the year for inclusion in the RFP.

- Eileen noted that the Timeline provides professional staff with sufficient lead-time to gather data and additional information for the group before each committee meeting.
 - ⇒ Some consideration was made in the scheduling to accommodate specific interests of members who can't be at certain meetings.
 - ⇒ In a brainstorming session the Co-chairs and professional staff tried to streamline the committee's work for the year. The work plan will also allow sufficient time for Harder & Co. to gather appropriate data and prepare reading lists for the selected populations.
 - She noted the timeline is flexible and can respond to the Committee's requests as they come up.
- Steve stated that, based on discussions at the last meeting (03/16/04), the Committee was going to narrow the focus, by combining some populations.
 - ⇒ Allison explained that when the Co-chairs and professional staff met their discussion highlighted that there are unique issues in each of the populations listed.
 - The Timeline, she noted, shows that there is sufficient time to handle each group.
 - ⇒ Mike stated that he did not see how certain populations could be combined.
 - ⇒ Allison pointed out that some solutions might be shared among populations.
 - ⇒ Steve expressed his agreement with this approach.
- Eileen suggested an agenda item at each meeting to outline what the Committee is going to discuss at the next meeting.
- Steve stated that the Committee may have focused too quickly on specific populations and in so doing, missed the risks groups or behaviors they have in common.

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- ⇒ He added that he wants to be sure that the issues toward the end of the Timeline do not get bumped if the Committee were to run out of time.
- ⇒ Eileen & Allison emphasized that the timeline is structured to allow for possible setbacks. It was also noted that nothing is currently on the timeline for December so this will accommodate any timeline changes.

6. Begin Discussion of Populations: G/MSM Speed Users

- Steve stated that the perhaps the discussion should be about the population of MSM with multiple sex partners, not just those using Speed.
 - Alternatives, he asked if MSM with multiple partners should be a discrete group.
- ⇒ Mike pointed out that lots of men do Speed without having unsafe sex, and having multiple partners doesn't equate to having unsafe sex.
- ⇒ Steve stated that research identifies multiple partners as a risk factor.
- ⇒ It was noted that MSM with multiple partners is part of several populations but seems to fit best '5) Gay Men Having High-Risk Sex'.
 - It was suggested the Committee be flexible on how groups are reviewed.
- ⇒ Steve asked that MSM with multiple sex partners be added to the discussion during the 06/21/04 meeting, where #5 *Gay Men Having High-Risk Sex* is to be discussed.
- ⇒ Vincent suggested this item be included in next month's (05/18/04) agenda so that the Committee can outline the discussion for the June meeting.
- ⇒ Steve suggested having an agenda item to define '5) *Gay Men Having High-Risk Sex*.'

There was general agreement among those present to this approach.

a) Identify Issues Relating to G/MSM Speed Users

- John Newmeyer asked if the use of Speed is compatible with safe sex.
- Mike suggested prevention follow a Harm Reduction model, addressing people where they are.
 - ⇒ John suggested the professional staff put together a brief summary outlining research on the effectiveness of Harm Reduction and Speed use.
 - ⇒ He added that Harm Reduction is cheaper than creating a massive treatment structure.
- Dave stated that prevention should address the factors driving men to use speed, including:
 - Isolation,
 - New to town,
 - Need for acceptance,
 - Self-medicating,
 - Self esteem boost (users often report feeling invincible),
 - Great sex and increased sexual performance, and
 - The '*Work Ethic*' (Work hard/Play hard).
- ⇒ It was also noted that Speed is:
 - Relatively inexpensive,
 - Somewhat socially acceptable (although not as much as alcohol),
 - Effective for weight loss (keeps you thin).
- Dave added that prevention needs to reach occasional users before it becomes habitual use.
 - ⇒ He pointed out that it is so addictive, that once guys get to a certain point it is too late.

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- Mike added that harm reduction efforts need to reach the whole spectrum of users however, it shouldn't be the only intervention. He emphasized that there should be information and education available for people before they start using.
- John asked if the Council should take a moral stand against the use of Speed because, he asserted, it is in fact more dangerous than alcohol or other recreational drugs.
 - ⇒ Mike agreed with John that Speed is a particularly horrible drug.
 - ⇒ Eileen stated that not all users lose control - some limit their use to a few lines on Friday night and never migrate to slamming (shooting, hitting, or injecting).
- It was noted that dealing with Speed use as a disease doesn't stop people from using.
- Steve stated concerns with messages such as, "*Speed Kills*," and "*Just say No*."
 - ⇒ He also said that prevention messages shouldn't apologize, or be too nice.
 - ⇒ He noted that it has been around for a long time, cycling in and out of the party scene.
- Mike asked if the mechanism of use is an issue - snorting, smoking, or injecting, which have different highs and behavioral characteristics, including:
 - ⇒ Snorting - one gets amped, may go dancing all night, but tends not to lose all inhibitions;
 - ⇒ Smoking - more problematic, more likely to hook-up, and difficult to maintain limits;
 - ⇒ Shooting - most problematic, addictive, and very difficult to maintain limits.
- John asked how the community could intervene.
 - ⇒ He suggested reviewing literature about the community helping Speed users in socialization and avoidance of isolation - seeing when a community member is withdrawing and reaching out to help him/her.
 - ⇒ He noted that it is difficult to determine when casual use migrates to habitual.
- Dave suggested that there might be a need for research to determine if there are common factors in progressing from snorting, to smoking, to shooting.
- He highlighted how difficult it is for users to stop, or not to go back to using, once they experience the great sex, and the feelings of invulnerability.
 - ⇒ Mike said that prevention messages need to address having good sex without speed.
- Vincent said that people using Speed tend to bareback more, have more partners, have/go to more sex parties.
 - ⇒ Vincent defined barebacking as unsafe sex between serodiscordant people.
- Steve noted that Speed users also self-medicate for mental health issues (i.e., depression).
- He noted that groups such as Stonewall separate Alcohol and Speed treatment; while most 12-Step programs have difficulty having active alcohol users in a drug treatment setting.
- It was noted that Speed is rarely used alone, and is often used with other substances.
- Steve also pointed out that many drug treatment programs require sexual abstinence and kick people out for violating that rule.
 - He pointed to Steven Johnson of Stepping Stone in San Diego's Council presentation (02/12/04) as a positive example of a drug treatment approach that allows sex.
 - ⇒ He asked, what are the rules in SF residential drug treatment programs in SF?
 - ⇒ Eileen stated that a lot of programs have strict rules against sexual activity.
 - ⇒ In response, Steve asked if this approach works for SF.
- John proposed singling out Speed for condemnation.

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- ⇒ He suggested that Speed use is so onerous that treatment should concentrate on its cessation, even if the program allows alcohol, sex, and others substances.
- Dave stated that GHB has become the media's most condemned substance, although it isn't clear if it is addictive.
 - ⇒ Steve explained that it was vilified two or three years ago when there were a couple of widely publicized overdose deaths at clubs followed by a crackdown and arrests.
 - ⇒ He observed that there has never been similar attention focused on speed.
 - ⇒ Mike stated that unlike Speed, there is a way of linking GHB use and clubs.
 - ⇒ He also pointed out that GHB and Speed together are really deadly.

b) Discuss what needs to happen

Vincent asked the members for their ideas on what can be done regarding issues related to mental health.

- Mike noted that Steven Johnson related their experience of working on dual diagnoses of substance abuse and mental health.
- Dave stated that feelings of isolation, or loneliness, are too broad to deal with effectively.
- Steve suggested that depression and anxiety covers most of the mental health issues
- Mike stated the need for Harm Reduction messages on both community and personal levels.
- He also suggested disclosure of serostatus should also be encouraged.
 - ⇒ Dave said that people will not discuss HIV status in an intimate setting.
- Steve stated that the Committee should be looking for new approaches, such as:
 - ⇒ Taking the stigma away from admitting one uses Speed,
 - ⇒ Making the use of the *forbidden substance* less glamorous,
 - ⇒ Demystify it,
 - ⇒ Perhaps have people at clubs offering information and things users need, such as water, testing kits, condoms, and the like.
- He suggested taking an approach similar to Needle Exchange, where prevention providers look at what the population needs without judgment.
- Vincent said that Harm Reduction needs to be done by normalizing the use of Speed.
- Steve asked what do "Tweakers" want.
 - ⇒ He noted that it certainly isn't HIV prevention messages.
- John stated that Speed unlike heroin, which spawned the jazz culture, is "a-cultural" and is just about the high.
- Steve asked what are the dealer's marketing techniques, what can be learned from them.
 - ⇒ Dealer's work is all word-of-mouth, and so they tend to be socially well connected.
 - ⇒ This may be a sort of culture.
 - ⇒ He noted that two recent large busts involved high-profile dealers - who were far from being just club kids
- Mike cited Stepping Stone's messages which included: "*Are you using, plan ahead,*" and "*If you'd like to use less, we're here,*" and, "*Crystal and Sex ... set limits and stick to them.*"
 - ⇒ He suggested getting these messages to where guys are cruising, including the Internet.
- Mike also noted that Tweaker.com takes the de-mystifying approach.
- He pointed out that people use Needle Exchange because they need the needles and in so doing reduce the risk of transmission.

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- He asserted that there are cores of people who are troubled by their use of Speed and the associated behaviors; particularly when they come down.
 - ⇒ He suggested using a message such as, "*When you feel bad afterwards, plan ahead.*"
- John said that part of demystification is seeing that Speed is a particularly nasty drug.

c) Identify Steps

Vincent asked members for suggestions on how to make these ideas happen, including who needs to do what.

- John noted that the African-American community had a conference on Crack several years ago that helped identify the issues.
 - ⇒ He suggested a similar summit on Speed to discuss what is really going on, and the career of a speed user.
 - ⇒ Steve stated that he believes that Mayor Newsom is appointing a committee on Speed use to coordinate a citywide response.
 - ⇒ In response to Dave's question, John stated that the community conference in the African-American community was a watershed, particularly for young people.
- Mike suggested prioritizing addressing the use of Speed in the RFPs with social marketing and/or along the Harm Reduction model.
 - ⇒ He added that there should be a marketing campaign specifically about HIV and Speed.
- Steve suggested investigating and putting information together with a focus on:
 - What interventions are currently in place,
 - What actions (campaigns, conferences, etc.) are in the pipeline,
 - Where are the linkages between Speed, HIV risk, and community health,
 - Exploration of what works and what doesn't work.
 - ⇒ Vincent noted that he is involved in organizing the Gay Men's Health Initiative which may be a good place to start the ball rolling on convening a summit, or forum.

7. **Begin Strategy for next meeting**

See "*Discussion of Committee Schedule*" above.

Vincent also noted that at the next meeting (05/18/04) the Committee would:

- Be asked to approve the minutes from this meeting as well as from the 03/15/04 meeting;
- Discuss and define Gay men who have lots of sex; and
- Review prioritized populations -
 - ⇒ Out of School Youth, and
 - ⇒ MTF Transgender people.

8. **Evaluation and Closure**

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM

***THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, MAY 18TH, 2004
FROM 11:30 AM TO 1:00 PM - 25 VAN NESS AVE, SUITE 330A***

Minutes were prepared by David Weinman, reviewed by Eileen Loughran, Vincent Fuqua, and _____.

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| 1. Welcome, Introduction and Announcements | 11:30-11:35 |
| 2. Public Comment | 11:35-11:45 |
| 3. Update from Steering Committee | 11:45-11:55 |
| 4. Approve 3/15 & 4/19 minutes (vote) | 11:55-12:00 |
| 5. Begin Discussion of Populations: | 12:00-12:50 |
| Out of school youth/MTF transgendered (15 mins) | |
| a. Identify Issues | |
| b. Discuss what needs to happen (relating to the issues)? (15 mins) | |
| c. Identify Steps: (20 mins) | |
| 1. How can we make it happen? | |
| 2. Who needs to do what? | |
| 3. How are we going to do it? | |
| 7. Clarification for June's population discussion | 12:50-12:55 |
| 8. Closing & Evaluation | 12:55-1:00 |

Next meeting will be June 21, 2004 from 5:00-6:30 PM

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Members Present: Loris Mattox, John Newmeyer, Steven Tierney

Members Absent: Teresa Betancourt, Gayle Burns, Steve Gibson, Dave Hook, Joani Marinoff, Mike Schement, and Ed Velasco.

Professional Staff: Vincent Fuqua (HPS), Eileen Loughran (HPS), David Weinman (Note Taker), and Allison Weston (Harder & Co).

1. Welcome and Announcements

Eileen Loughran noted that quorum was not present at 11:45. Steven Tierney suggested that the members discuss the populations due for review at this meeting (item 5) and make recommendations to the whole Committee at the next meeting 06/21/04. The members in attendance agreed with the suggestion.

Loris Mattox called the meeting to order at 11:50 and asked attendees for announcements.

- Eileen announced that Joani is stepping down as Co-Chair and can not represent the Committee at the Steering Committee meeting, at least for the summer.
 - ⇒ Steven noted that he attends the Steering Committee so he can represent the committee.
- Loris announced that she is looking for a new job.
- John Newmeyer distributed copies of an email with the subject, "*Melbourne AU campaign against GHB.*"
 - ⇒ He pointed out that this campaign of peer influence proved to be effective in Melbourne, Australia.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Update from Steering Committee

This item was referred to the next Committee meeting.

4. Approve 3/15 & 4/19 minutes

Approval of the Minutes was referred to the next Committee Meeting (06/21/04).

5. Begin Discussion of Populations: Out-of-School-Youth/MTF transgendered

Allison distributed the document entitled, "*New Approaches to Prevention Out of School Youth Literature Review*," a copy of which is available to absent members upon request. Loris introduced the visual notes.

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- In response to Steven Tierney's question, it was noted that Out-of-School-Youth and MTF are two topics.

It was agreed to discuss the issues and actions separately.

Out-of-School Youth

- John questioned the reported 1.5 million homeless youth nationwide.
 - He observed that if this were so, there should be about 5,000 in SF, which is about 1/300th of national population.
 - ⇒ Steven noted that Larkin Street Youth Services claims there are approximately 8,000 homeless youth in SF.
 - He added that the full extent of the homeless is unknown and is compounded by various types of marginally housed youth.
- Steven suggested that access to healthcare is an issue facing this population.
 - ⇒ He observed that there is only one healthcare facility focused on Out-of-School-Youth.
- Steven also suggested that reaching youth with social messages has not been effective.
 - ⇒ Slogans that essentially say, "*Do this and you will live longer*" do not sway this group.
- Vincent Fuqua said that there needs to be services to deal with homeless youth that have experienced sexual abuse, or trauma.
 - ⇒ It was suggested that the 30% of homeless youth have had such experiences.
- Steven stated that 60-70% of these groups are also involved in substance use.
- John noted that IDU is also high among Out-of-School Youth.
 - ⇒ He added that they have a high prevalence of Hepatitis C (HVC).
- Steven pointed out that there are an unknown number of marginally housed young people who are not in school and are not categorized as '*Homeless*':
 - He suggested that many are "*Sofa surfing*" with relatives, or friends.
 - He added that this might be rampant in parts of SF.
- Steven stated there is a need for services focused on marginally housed young people.
 - ⇒ He pointed out that Larkin Street only provides services to the homeless.
 - ⇒ The marginally housed, he emphasized, are in between service providers' purview - with the most tragic (homeless) being served by Larkin Street and schools serving those who are enrolled and attend.
- Vincent asked how to reach the Out-of-School-Youth and marginally housed.
 - ⇒ Steven noted that in Amsterdam they do outreach at concerts and the like.
- John asked about the annual rate of new infection.
 - ⇒ Steve also said that Youth are at high risk with an annual rate of 7% and this group is probably higher.
 - He observed that while this incidence is lower than expected, it is nonetheless high.
- Steven and John cited the behaviors putting Out-of-School Youth most at risk are probably: sex, needles, and sex work.
 - ⇒ They noted a lack of research relative to the risks of HIV and HVC.
- Allison explained the use of the term, "*Commitment*" in the Criminal Justice statistics refers to contacts not otherwise categorized.
- Steven noted that the Criminal Justice numbers need clarification.

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- ⇒ He provided a contact in the Mayor's office and suggested referring to the Coleman Institute website.
- Steven suggested convening a Community Forum to explore and discuss Out-of-School-Youth, including the marginally housed.
- He also suggested conducting research, such as a Rapid Assessment of this group.
- John speculated that the high risk is actually concentrated in a small subpopulation of Out-of-School-Youth.
 - ⇒ The at-risk subpopulation is comprised of MSM engaging in exchange sex and/or sex with multiple partners.
- To reach those at high-risk and engaging in sex exchange, John suggested outreach workers pose as, "Rich Johns."
- Steve expressed the need for information on who is at-risk and if they are being served, noting:
 - ⇒ The available information is very limited, coming mostly from Seattle and the DASH in-school program;
 - ⇒ While there may be information out there, the HPPC doesn't have it;
 - ⇒ Data will have to be found or created locally through sponsored research; and
 - ⇒ The as yet unknown actual size/composition of the Out-of-School Youth population could drive the whole youth incidence number above 7%.
- Steven suggested making the recommendation to the Committee to search out data and/or to recommend research on the Out-of-School-Youth population.

MTF Transgender

Allison distributed copies of the document entitled, "*Recommendations and Action Steps for MTF and FTM Communities From Brainstorm April 8, 2004*," a copy of which is available to absent members upon request. She noted that the Committee prioritized this population.

- Eileen explained that the following Action Steps were proposed at Council 04/08/04, went to Steering Committee, and was referred to this Committee:
 - ⇒ Create brochure or pamphlet for information from 03/11/04 and 04/08/04 Council meeting for medical providers
 - ⇒ Design an element of prevention for partners of transgenders;
 - ⇒ Develop comprehensive safe sex training for FTMs;
 - ⇒ Develop training materials relating to the risks inherent in sex work for both MTF and FTM populations; and
 - ⇒ Find creative ways to address needs of hidden populations.
- John asked if there is data establishing the means of transmission among MTFs.
- Steven said that the risk needs to be identified - is it sex, drugs, or something else - before designing training.
 - ⇒ He added that there is little risk in having sex in SF with heterosexual men.
- Steven suggested recommending to the whole Committee collecting data on the risks actually facing the TG communities in SF.
 - He also suggested looking at CAPS' research information.
 - ⇒ Vincent asked if Steven's recommendation applies to MTF and FTM
 - ⇒ Steven stated that there probably isn't a shred of data on FTM.

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- Loris noted that provider training is often "*Cultural Competency*", and questioned the effectiveness of such.
 - ⇒ She also asked how practical would it be to provide training to medical providers.
 - ⇒ Steven suggested the provider training should go beyond culture and discuss how to deal with Transgender people at agencies and in healthcare venues.
 - He also said that St. James Infirmary and Tom Wadell provide most of the medical care to this community and that both agencies are well trained,
 - ⇒ Vincent added that such training should provide direction in dealing with this community rather than addressing assumptions.
- John noted that MTF risk is extremely high, perhaps 30 times that of FTM.
 - ⇒ Steven noted that the risk for FTMs is in participating in sex with Gay men.
 - He added that although he hasn't seen data, the actual numbers of FTM engaged in sex with Gay men is most likely small.
- John asked if data on the size of the TG population have been gathered.
 - ⇒ In response to Loris' suggestion, Allison said that Emily Newfield's quality of life survey probably wouldn't provide the data being requested.
- Several members discussed putting together a comprehensive inventory of training currently available to service and medical providers - presuming such training exists.

6. Clarification for June's population discussion

Loris pointed out that the next Committee meeting (06/21/04) would focus on the Internet and High-Risk Sex Behavior.

- Loris asked what high-risk sex behavior means.
 - ⇒ She, Steven, and John pointed out that sex with multiple partners is often, erroneously, cited as high-risk behavior.
- John suggested developing a formula to determine how risky various behaviors are; perhaps assign a numeric score.
- Steven stated that high-risk means different things to different agencies, for instance:
 - ⇒ To the CDC it is multiple partners, and
 - ⇒ To the Stop AIDS Project it is probably unprotected sex.

7. Evaluation and Closure

Eileen suggested revisiting the Committee's meeting schedule. She explained:

- ⇒ Several members cannot attend midday meetings due to work commitments;
- ⇒ Having alternate meetings on Tuesdays was partially to accommodate scheduling conflicts.
- ⇒ Several members of the group have expressed the desire to have a regular set meeting time that is consistent every month.

It was agreed to recommend to the whole Committee at the next meeting (06/21/04) that meetings be scheduled for the third Monday of each month at 5:00 PM.

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The meeting adjourned at 12:40 PM

*THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY JUNE 21ST, 2004
FROM 5:00 PM TO 6:30 PM - 25 VAN NESS AVE., RM 330A.*

Minutes were prepared by David Weinman, reviewed by Eileen Loughran, Vincent Fuqua, and Loris Mattox.

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| 1. Welcome, Introduction and Announcements | 5:00-5:05 |
| 2. Public Comment | 5:05-5:15 |
| 3. Update from Steering Committee | 5:15-5:25 |
| 4. Approve 3/16, 4/19 & 5/18 minutes (vote) | 5:25-5:30 |
| 5. Begin Discussion of Populations: | 5:30-6:20 |
| 1) Gay/MSMs cruising the internet for sex & | |
| 2) Gay men having high-risk sex | |
| a. Identify Issues (15 mins) | |
| b. Discuss what needs to happen (relating to the issues)? (15 mins) | |
| c. Identify Steps: (20 mins) | |
| 1. How can we make it happen? | |
| 2. Who needs to do what? | |
| 3. How are we going to do it? | |
| 6. Clarification for July's population discussion | 6:20-6:25 |
| 7. Closing & Evaluation | 6:25-6:30 |

Next meeting will be July 19, 2004 from 5:00-6:30 PM

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Members Absent: Janetta Johnson, Joani Marinoff, Loris Mattox, and Steven Tierney.

Professional Staff: Vincent Fuqua (HPS), Eileen Loughran (HPS), David Weinman (Note Taker), and Allison Weston (Harder & Co).

1. Welcome and Announcements

Steve Gibson called the meeting to order at 5:10 PM. It was noted that the Co-Chair was not present therefore Steve was asked to facilitate. Discussion followed regarding how to proceed.

- Eileen Loughran said that Loris had contacted her and explained that she has a new job in Oakland and that she wouldn't be able to attend the meeting.
- She then asked for volunteer(s) to serve as Co-Chair(s) with duties to include: facilitating/chairing Committee meetings and approving the agendas.
- She noted that at the end of the summer Joani Marinoff's schedule may permit her to resume duties as Co-Chair and Steering representative.
- Vincent Fuqua said that the Co-Chair did not have to attend the Steering Committee if it was a problem with their schedule. He explained that Steven Tierney had volunteered to represent the NAP Committee at Steering.
- Steve Gibson said that he would be willing to be Co-Chair if no one else volunteered.

There were no other volunteers, no objections were raised, and there was no further discussion. It was agreed by consensus that Steve Gibson will serve as Co-Chair.

Steve asked attendees for announcements.

- Ed Velasco announced that this would be his last meeting. He will be leaving to attend school.
- Steve said that he just got back from the CDC's National HIV Conference CDC in Atlanta.
 - ⇒ He reported that SF HPPC was well represented.
 - ⇒ In particular, he noted that Israel Nieves-Rivera's portion of the Plenary Session was well received and met with a standing ovation.
 - ⇒ He also pointed out that a slide was removed from Israel's presentation.
 - In response, Israel left the screen blank and explained the content of the censored graphic.
- John Newmeyer announced that he represented SF at the Community Epidemiology Conference in Washington.
 - ⇒ He noted that overall the data shows no increases in drug abuse.
 - There was a slight increase, however, in reported use of Methamphetamines (Meth) and Oxycontin.
 - There was a reported decrease in the use of many substances, including marijuana.
- Vincent announced a community discussion of "Racism in the Gay Community" on 07/08/04 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the LGBT Center.

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- He also announced a community discussion of a "Declaration of Gay Men's Rights and Responsibilities" on 07/14/04 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the LGBT Center.
 - ⇒ He explained that this is something like the "Bill of Rights."
 - ⇒ He noted that both events will be announced in the Bay Area Reporter.
- Eileen announced that all NAP Committee meetings will be held on the 3rd Monday of the month from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM. She noted that the previous schedule alternating between Mondays and Tuesdays was established to accommodate members who are no longer active.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Update from Steering Committee

Eileen provided overview including -

- Discussion of the Council meeting (06/10/04) agenda which included the presentation from Rafael Diaz regarding Meth use among Latino MSM.
- Barbara Adler announced at Steering that anonymous testing would be conducted Sunday during Pride weekend at 1930 Market. National Testing Day is June 27th.
- Discussion of the rate of absenteeism among members.
 - ⇒ Eileen said she will send a letter to the community member who has not attended any NAP meetings.
 - ⇒ It was noted that Michael Discepola is on a Leave of Absence.
- Discussion of the RFP which will be released 11/04 with due date of 02/05.
 - ⇒ The Steering Committee brainstormed about the RFP, including provisions for Prevention for Positives (PPF), Drug Abuse, and Housing.
 - * People are encouraged to email Steven or Tracey Packer with suggestions for the RFP.
- Discussion regarding a second phase of training in using the new Plan.
 - ⇒ This will focus on agencies considering applying for funding, whether or not they have had funding before.
 - ⇒ It will include CDC funding requirements, and discussion of the new RFP.
 - ⇒ There will be announcements about the actual meeting schedule when finalized.

4. Approve 3/15, 4/19 & 5/18 Minutes

Steve asked for comments, questions, or objections to the minutes of the last three Committee meetings. The Committee took a few minutes to review them before the discussion.

There was no further comment or discussion on the three sets of minutes under review.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes from the 03/16/04 meeting. There were no objections, Dave Hook, John Newmeyer, and Mike Schement abstained. The minutes were approved.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes from the 04/19/04 meeting. There were no objections. Ed Velasco abstained. The minutes were approved.

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Motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes from the 05/18/04 meeting, as amended. There were no objections, Steve Gibson, Dave Hook, Mike Schement, and Ed Velasco abstained. The minutes were approved.

5. Begin Discussion of Populations: Gay/MSM Cruising the Internet for Sex and Gay Men having High-Risk Sex

Steve introduced the topic and pointed out that the sub-points listed on the Agenda under population 2 (a-c) apply to both issues. He suggested discussing the topics separately.

Allison noted that she agreed previously to supply some background and updated data on these populations. Her email of 06/15/04 provides relevant references from the 2004 Plan:

"1. *Gay Men section of community assessment chapter (ch.3) pp 50-55 (pay special attention to paragraph about Internet, page 54 (PDF file pp 8-13)*

"2. *Having HIV-Positive or High-Risk Sexual Partners as Cofactor (ch.3) pp 33-134 (PDF file pp 91-92)* 3. *Internet as a prevention strategy: (ch. 5) pp 198-199 (PDF file pp. 44-45)."*

She also distributed the document entitled, "*Review of Literature*" *Gay/MSMs cruising the Internet for sex*," a copy of which is available to absent members upon request. She noted that Committee members gave her some of the referenced material.

On-line STD Tests

- ⇒ Mike observed that on-line STD test result retrieval has many advantages over going to the City Clinic.
 - He suggested ensuring there are links to on-line STD testing, including telling guys how it works and how easy it is.
- ⇒ Steve observed that there are banners on several sites regarding on-line STD testing.
 - He also pointed out that while the sites get a lot of "*Hits*," people aren't using the service.
 - He referred to Deb Levine for further data.
- ⇒ Mike said it would be interesting to find out why people aren't using the on-line STD testing.
 - He observed that his experience was that many of the lab technicians are unaware of the on-line procedure(s).

Sero-Sorting

- ⇒ John said that there may be sero-sorting on the Internet.
- ⇒ Mike said that there is some sero-sorting on-line, but that he isn't sure of the ways in which participants' sort - Positives looking for Positives, or Negatives looking for Negatives.
- ⇒ Vincent said there are many types of sero-sorting, including that some HIV- men say they are HIV+.

Honesty & Disclosure

- ⇒ Ed Velasco said that there are many honesty issues on-line.

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- ⇒ John expressed doubts that people have honesty issue with HIV, although it may be so of others aspects (i.e., age, weight, and the like).
- ⇒ Ed pointed out that there is a lot of silence regarding HIV status on-line and that he wasn't sure if that silence means the same for everyone.
 - Is silence an indication one is HIV- or HIV+?
- ⇒ John said that the prevailing wisdom has been to *assume* contacts are HIV+
- ⇒ Ed expressed concern that many men indicate they are HIV- because their last test was negative even if they have had sex since.
 - He pointed out that such men actually don't know their serostatus.
- ⇒ Dave said that it is easier for people to be less than honest on-line, observing that according to the descriptions people provide everyone is young, good-looking, and hung.
- ⇒ Steve asked if there was any data that people actively mislead each other on-line.
 - Alison responded that she was unaware of any such research, but that many researchers have reflected on the lack of honesty in studies' narratives.
- ⇒ Mike said that he recalls reading that some men don't test so they can represent themselves as HIV-.
- ⇒ He added that on-line HIV status is rarely mentioned and suggested finding a way to open the discussion.
- ⇒ Steve said that there are indications that people don't want to talk about their serostatus.
 - He asked how prevention efforts could get people to do something that they don't want to do.
 - He added that getting people to disclose may not be the most effective strategy and that others should be examined
- ⇒ John said that disclosure is easy if one is young and HIV-.

On-line Outreach

- ⇒ Steve noted research being done with Bristol-Myers funding regarding people cruising on-line, including conducting Focus Groups of participants.
 - He understands that they are finding that people don't want on-line outreach.
- ⇒ He added that he used to think it was a good idea, but now he thinks it isn't.
 - People think of being on-line as their playtime, he pointed out, and interrupting it will just push them away.
- ⇒ Mike suggested that there might be effective on-line approaches other than using direct intervention messages.
- ⇒ Ed suggested that perhaps there are different rules for different types of sites - pornography and literature sites (such as Guys.com) vs. quick connection sites (such as Craigslist.com).
- ⇒ Dave noted that there are different kinds of users - from casual to the really obsessed.
 - He suggested different types of interventions addressing different types of users.
- ⇒ He observed that on-line interventions are like talking about alcoholism at a bar.

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Co-factors

- ⇒ Gayle noted the factors cited by Rafael Diaz as contributing to sexual risk behavior included: homophobia, use of Meth, isolation, and the unrealistic demands of gay culture.
 - She added that although his work was with Latinos these factors are found in all groups.

Isolation

- Mike said that what people are looking for on-line is a connection with others.
- Gayle said that people need to be held and loved.
 - * She cited a documentary on PBS regarding Stonewall.

Mental Health/Substance Abuse

- Gayle said that gay/MSM cruising the Internet for sex are not just horny guys, they often have mental health and substance abuse issues contributing to risky behavior.
- The men cruising the Internet, she added, are members of many subpopulations.

Meth Use

- Gayle noted Rafael Diaz's discussion (HPPC 03/10/04) where he described those most at risk as MSM cruising the Internet while using Meth.

Interventions

- ⇒ Ed asked if the idea is using the Internet as a means of intervention, or finding interventions focused on people that use the Internet.
- ⇒ Mike suggested that the Committee could do both.
- ⇒ Steve noted that the Committee doesn't write interventions, per se, but rather prioritizes at risk populations.
- ⇒ Gayle suggested following up on Rafael Diaz's idea of developing interventions with friends and families as a new approach.
- ⇒ Steve stated that family may not be as important to the whole MSM population in SF as Rafael Diaz's findings indicated regarding Latino MSM.
 - He added that many gay men migrated from other areas.
- ⇒ Gayle observed that many of her clients did not grow up and do not have families in SF.

Condoms

- ⇒ John said that he browsed the Internet for data about condoms and found product information about shape, sizes, thickness, and the like.
- ⇒ Mike observed that many men are unaware of the new variations in shape, size, etc now available in condoms.
 - He cited a Social Marketing campaign that was out for a while, but seems to have ended.
- ⇒ Steve suggested that condom use has declined since the advent of Highly Active Anti-retroviral Therapy (HAART) around 1996.
 - There are a lot of gay men, he added, who don't want to use them.
- ⇒ Steve said that it is very difficult to educate (or reeducate) men who are currently 'Coming Out' - including those coming out of relationships - about condom use.

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What is "High Risk Sex"

- ⇒ Steve suggested defining "High Risk Sex."
 - He said that for most gay men "*Having sex is what it means to be gay.*"
 - He added that all too often "*Sex equals death,*" to gay men.
 - He asked, how to get across the idea that cum isn't poison?
- ⇒ He said that he would like to see gay men reclaim their sexuality.
 - Adding that he would like to see SF take the lead.
- ⇒ John agreed that, "*Sex is Death*" is an unspoken part of gay men's current thinking.
- ⇒ Vincent expressed his support for the idea of gay men "Reclaiming their sexuality."
- ⇒ John observed that the, "*Sex is Death,*" perspective may be part of most seropositive people's lives.
 - He added that in other areas of the world where HIV has penetrated the heterosexual community "*Sex is Death*" relates to procreation.

Multiple Partners

- ⇒ Steve said that he believes the real issue is multiple partners, not the Internet.
 - He noted that dealing with this issue is particularly difficult, because it is easy to be mistaken as "Homophobic."
- ⇒ John agreed that the Internet is merely a means for horny men to connect.
 - He suggested taking lessons from sex-workers about practicing/negotiating safe-sex, noting that they might have thousands of partners while remaining safe.
 - * They might shed light on language and terminology to use as well as practices.
 - Vincent added that sex-workers also know how to get what they want.
- ⇒ Vincent said that the desire to make connections and have intimacy has a lot to do with people having multiple partners.
- ⇒ He added that casual relations are in large part a reaction to guys being afraid of rejection.
- ⇒ Steve noted that guys who have lost all their friends to the epidemic are having particular difficulty meeting men other than through casual sexual connections.
- ⇒ Mike said that self-esteem issues, self-validation, and mental health issues play a big part in sexual contact with multiple partners.

How to Proceed

- ⇒ Dave observed that the discussion went beyond issues relating to the Internet.
 - He suggested identifying all of the issues by way of Focus Group research.
- ⇒ Steve noted that the discussion didn't follow the Agenda's outline.
- ⇒ Eileen suggested continuing this discussion at the next Committee meeting (07/19/04).
 - She pointed out that that the Committee's schedule has sufficient flexibility.
- ⇒ Gayle suggested members think about new approaches to the issues raised for discussion at the 07/19/04 meeting.
- ⇒ She also said that extending the discussion is appropriate, as this is the highest risk population.

There was general agreement to continue the discussion at the next meeting.

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- ⇒ Steve suggested getting transcripts of Cabra Diseño's data from the gay men who cruise on-line focus group.
- ⇒ He also suggested getting data from the study being done by ISIS. Harder & Co. will work on getting the suggested information.
- ⇒ Steve also suggested members reexamine the Review of Literature distributed earlier.
- ⇒ Allison asked members to email her with any suggestions they may have of other relevant available literature.
- ⇒ John suggested members talk with friends that are active on-line cruisers, perhaps invite them to the 07/19/04 meeting.
- ⇒ Steve asked for Ed's view on this topic, as this may be his last meeting.
 - He speculated that people create an alter ego for their on-line activities.
- ⇒ Steve said that there are a lot of issues in the gay community about body image even though there is some variety in SF's tastes; i.e., "Bears," and the like.
- ⇒ Ed added that other places don't have the cultural diversity found in SF, and that he will miss it.

6. Clarification for July's population discussion

Eileen noted that the topics that were scheduled to be discussed at the July meeting are 1) Heterosexually identified MSM and 2) the BVHP. Those topics will now be discussed at the August meeting (08/16/04). In July, the group will continue discussing Gay/MSM Cruising the Internet for Sex and Gay Men having High-Risk Sex

7. Evaluation and Closure

Steve reminded members about the Zoomerang evaluation email.

The meeting adjourned at 6:27 PM

***THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY JULY 19TH, 2004
FROM 5:00 PM TO 6:30 PM - 25 VAN NESS AVE., RM 330A***

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| 1. Welcome, Introduction and Announcements | 5:00-5:05 |
| 2. Public Comment | 5:05-5:15 |
| 3. Update from Steering Committee | 5:15-5:25 |
| 4. Approve 6/21 minutes (vote) | 5:25-5:30 |
| 5. Continue Discussion of Populations: | 5:30-6:20 |
| 1) Gay/MSMs cruising the internet for sex & | |
| 2) Gay men having high-risk sex | |
| a. Identify Issues (15 mins) | |
| b. Discuss what needs to happen (relating to the issues)? (15 mins) | |
| c. Identify Steps: (20 mins) | |
| 1. How can we make it happen? | |
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Members Present: Gayle Burns, Steve Gibson, Dave Hook, John Newmeyer, and Steven Tierney

Members Absent: Janetta Johnson, Joani Marinoff, and Mike Schement

Professional Staff: Vincent Fuqua (HPS), Eileen Loughran (HPS), and Allison Weston (Harder & Co).

1. Welcome and Announcements

Steve asked attendees for announcements.

- Magnet has just celebrated their one year anniversary. They are looking for "models" to pose for photos, which will be put on their new website.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Update from Steering Committee

An overview of the 6/24 Steering Committee meeting was given to the group.

- The AIDS Office will be launching its own website (www.sfhiv.org) in a few months. They are currently in the process of soliciting ideas for the HPPC's page on the site. The Steering committee charged the Membership/CLC committee with this task.
- It was announced at Steering that the next HIV Prevention leadership Summit (HPLS) may be held in San Francisco next year.
- Steering discussed the agenda for the July 8th Council meeting. The 3 CDC directly funded agencies will be allotted 10 minutes to present
- The guidance from the CDC to states and cities with Cooperative Agreements was scheduled for release at the end of June. Currently, we are still awaiting the guidance. The Council will have the opportunity to vote on the response to the Cooperative Agreement in August.

4. Approve 6/21 Minutes

Steve asked for comments, questions, or objections to the minutes of the last meeting. The Committee took a few minutes to review them before the discussion. There were two changes to the minutes. The minutes were approved with the recommended changes.

5. Continue Discussion of Populations: Gay/MSM Cruising the Internet for Sex and Gay Men having High-Risk Sex

Steve opened up the discussion by reminding the group that we will be continuing our conversation from July's meeting. He explained that the information was so important that we decided as a group to allow an additional meeting to complete the discussion. He further explained that Allison Weston had followed up on the information requested by the group. He turned the meeting over to her, so that she could give an overview. A handout was distributed and is available upon request. (New Approaches to Prevention- Update for 7/19 meeting)

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- Allison had spoken to Raul Cabra regarding www.be-clear.org. She explained that there is no formal write up of this formative research because the 1/1 interviews could not be recorded.
- The interviews were conducted with guys who surf online, look at screens and chat rooms, etc.
- The men that were interviewed expressed that they do not want to deal with pop-up messages on their online space. The messages were seen as a nuisance and a hindrance in their cruising process.
- The next area that Allison covered was online testing (STDTest.org). She explained that the website was just launched last summer and they are still in the process of working out some kinks. She explained that 5-10 men per week get tested. She explained that overall response has been favorable, with people liking the anonymity, and not having to wait at the lab.
- Dave Hook mentioned that he had heard a discussion on NPR about the focus groups. He said Andy Williams uncovered the thought making process behind decision making.
- Steve explained that Andy Williams and Raul Cabra collaborated on the project.
- The group further explored: What are the thought processes that lead people what to believe (or not believe) when reading a person's online profile?
- John Newmeyer voiced an idea of using "online safer sex shorthand" to deliver prevention messages.
- Steve expressed that maybe we should focus on Sex Education rather than HIV prevention. He also felt that any message must come from the community and Not be something that is forced on the community.
- Steven T. expressed that we should make it a goal of this committee to get people to embrace safer sex. He also pointed out that we always focus prevention efforts at those at highest risk for getting HIV. He suggested that perhaps we should put that same focus on those at the highest risk of transmitting HIV.
- Allison asked the group: Are we talking about those that know their status or those that do not know their status?
- John N. mentioned the need for education around condom types and brands.
- Steven Tierney expressed the need for realistic education around Sex Education and using Condoms.
- Several members mentioned the need for healthy sexuality & sexual communication around condom use and erection problems that may sometimes occur. A member compared this to the workshops offered by Good Vibrations, but with a focus on men. The group suggested a social marketing campaign aimed at condom use and sexual health.
- The group discussed that individuals at "highest risk" for transmitting HIV could include HIV (+) "tops"- this could be people recently infected who don't know their status and have a high viral load.
- The group then discussed the issue of responsibility to prevent infecting others with HIV. The members agreed that this is a powerful message but tricky as it could lead to "blaming the victim".

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- Steven Tierney encouraged the group to brainstorm ideas without worrying about potential limitations to what can be funded. He explained that often suggestions are made by the HPPC, and even if the city can not carry them out, a private organization or group can.
- The group agreed that the **issues** facing this group are:
 - HIV (+) tops
 - Recently/newly infected (or unknown status)
 - Slip-up w/ condom use/ Negotiations gone wrong
 - Prevention around "open relationships"
 - Multiple partners with high-risk sexual activity (unprotected anal sex)
- The group identified these **steps** to make things happen:
 - Pilot counseling around Sex education
 - Steve suggested that sexologists at Magnet do 1/1 sex education to see if it is effective. He will work with the sexologists to find out what they think should be discussed in the sessions.
 - Gail will contact Good Vibrations to find out more information about the workshops.
 - The AIDS office will talk with Blow Buddies and EROS to find out what they do around Education that is separate from the DPH sponsored HIV testing.

6. Clarification for August's population discussion

Eileen noted that the topics that are scheduled to be discussed at the August meeting are 1) Heterosexually identified MSM and 2) the BVHP.

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4. Approve 7/19minutes (vote) 5:25-5:30
5. Continue Discussion of Populations: 5:30-6:20
 - 1) Heterosexually identified MSM
 - 2) Bayview
 - a. Identify Issues (15 mins)
 - b. Discuss what needs to happen (relating to the issues)? (15 mins)
 - c. Identify Steps: (20 mins)
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Professional Staff: Eileen Loughran (HPS), David Weinman (Note Taker), and Allison Weston (Harder & Co).

Guests: Ben Peacock

1. Welcome and Announcements

Steve Gibson commenced discussion of the agenda items at 5:18 PM. He asked attendees for announcements.

- Allison Weston distributed copies of the letter dated 08/04/04 from Harder & Company to HIV Service Providers, copies of which are available to absent members upon request.
 - ⇒ She explained that this letter invites providers to participate in Standards and Outcomes Working Groups, which is part of the Organization Development/Technical Assistance (OD/TA) project discussed at the Council meeting 08/12/04.
- Ben Peacock, guest, introduced himself.
 - ⇒ He is an anthropology doctoral candidate studying homeless queer youth.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Update from Steering Committee

Steven Tierney provided the following update.

- In accordance with instructions from the HPPC, the DPH and Council Co-Chairs sent written comment to the CDC regarding its proposed Materials Review guidance.
 - ⇒ Copies of the response were emailed to members.

He explained that there is no other news since the last report at the Council Meeting 08/12/04. The next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for 08/26/04.

4. Approval of Minutes from the 07/19/04 Meeting

Gayle noted that without a quorum the minutes could not be approved. Steve G. nonetheless invited members to offer comments on the draft minutes. None were offered. They will be tabled until the next Committee meeting (09/20/04).

5. Continue Discussion of Populations

Steve G explained that the populations to be discussed were Heterosexually Identified MSM (HI/MSM) and the Bayview Hunter's Point (BVHP). Allison distributed the document entitled, "Summary Sheet," a copy of which is available to absent members upon request. She explained that these are summaries of findings from Focus Groups conducted with HI/MSM as well as the System Capacity Assessment by Neighborhood (SCAN) of the BVHP. The discussion that

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following intertwined the two topics and centered on the issues listed below. [The comments reviewed may not have been presented in the sequence offered herein.]

Overview of Populations

- Steve G asked if there is documentation/data regarding any gaps in services.
- Steven T explained that the original purpose of the Committee was to respond to the CDC's "*Advancing HIV Prevention*" initiative.
 - ⇒ The Committee decided to focus on certain high-risk populations, or subpopulations.
 - ⇒ The first step is to get people into prevention services, later steps include identifying gaps in services, testing, and linking with care service.
- Allison and Steve T noted that there have been several studies in the BVHP and that it is known that the Institute for Community Health Outreach (ICHO) and Southeast Health Center are the only prevention services providers in that neighborhood.
 - ⇒ There is also a working group called the HIV Planning Group, which is an outgrowth of the provider focus groups established during the 2003 SCAN of BVHP.
- Eileen Loughran said that at the recent BVHP Health Fair she noticed a lack of prevention services being offered.
- Gayle Burns noted an ICHO health fair at the BVHP Opera House that was well attended.
- It was also noted that the Black Coalition on AIDS has moved its offices to the BVHP.
- Gayle and Steven T noted that hair dressers, beauty salons, and nail salons have been used successfully in the past to reach the BVHP community.
 - ⇒ They pointed out that in such venues everyone knows each other and there is a lot of talk, making it a good place from which to distribute, but probably not collect, data.

BVHP SCAN

- Allison reviewed the findings from the BVHP SCAN, including the following.
 - ⇒ The neighborhood has a large network of non-prevention services in place.
 - It was suggested that this might be an opportunity for collaboration.
 - ⇒ Local health service providers have questions about how the BRP structure works.
 - * There wasn't, for instance, a clear understanding that MSM includes HI/MSM.
 - This is an opportunity for capacity building and education.
 - ⇒ There is a history of unsuccessful attempts at integrating health services in the BVHP.

Coordination with Care Council Services

- Steve T said that it seems logical for the Care and Prevention Councils to share data about the current level of service.
- In response to Steve G's question, Steven T said that the Care Council has a timetable relative to the recently funded Center of Excellence (CoE) for the BVHP, the details of which he didn't have with him.
 - ⇒ He added that the \$1.7M funding is a "*set-aside*" and they will issue Requests for Proposals (RFP) to providers.

Obstacles to Obtaining or Providing Prevention Services

- Allison noted that the SCAN had highlighted the stigma attached to sex among men, drug use, and HIV itself.

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- Steve G said that effective social marketing campaigns in the Castro would not work in the BVHP. He feels that campaigns should differ by neighborhood.
 - ⇒ He cited a successful campaign that ran in the Mission using real people that didn't have condom message, but rather addressed the stigma with a "It's okay to be gay."
 - ⇒ Steven T cited a successful test program for a campaign focused on young MSM by way of a healthcare message at athletic events.
 - Regrettably the agency wasn't able to implement it due to internal difficulties.
- Steven T said that that social marketing messages focused on condom use haven't been successful in reaching the topic populations in the past and there's no reason to expect that they would be effective at this RFP.
- Allison said that community members often report that HIV is not a top priority.
 - ⇒ She suggested working with social services dealing with people's higher priority issues.
- Gayle pointed out that PCM often deals with many issues before they can address HIV.
- Steve T said that people have difficulty with an approach to the BVHP centered on churches and men as they are released from prison, as it appears racially stereotyped.
- Eileen noted that reaching young non-gay identified MSM is difficult because the community, including its leaders, is constantly changing.
 - ⇒ She suggested that part of getting information to youth is through after-school programs and that reaching such programs requires the resources be ready and available.
- The target populations share characteristics that make it difficult to reach them directly.
 - ⇒ Stigma and shame surrounding sexuality, drug use, and/or serostatus keeps members of these populations from seeking services.
 - ⇒ Across all demographics, men are less likely to be involved in routine medical care.
 - ⇒ Such is compounded by the lack of routine health care, particularly to men of color.
- Getting these populations into services has been particularly problematic.

Reaching the Target Population Indirectly

- Steve G summarized that sometimes reaching the person at risk might best be done indirectly, through others in their lives.
- The attendees listed the following groups as having the best access to the at-risk population:
 - Collaborating with Non-Prevention Service Providers,
 - Services for Men,
 - Community Leaders/Elders,
 - Female Friends/Partners, and
 - Community Education/Training.
- The attendees also identified the need to provide community education and training. The following provides overviews of proposed recommendations on reaching the target populations through indirect means.

Collaborating with Non-Prevention Service Providers

- Steve G suggested offering training and Technical Assistance (TA) regarding the RFP as a means of engaging non-prevention providers in offering prevention services.
 - ⇒ Steve T noted that this was tried with limited success last year.

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- Steve G asked how much resistance there would be from non-prevention providers to addressing prevention issues with HI/MSM and their partners.
- Steve T observed that the Committee could recommend that the Council actively solicit providers in the BVHP and help them respond to the RFP.
 - ⇒ He added that it would be a "*New Approach to Prevention*."

Services For Men

- Steve G said that most services offered in the BVHP are for woman or children not for men.
 - ⇒ He added that services are needed for all men, including the incarcerated, and men recently released from incarceration.
- Allison suggested perhaps incorporating prevention with the social services offered to men who are reintegrating into society after incarceration.
 - It was noted, however, that involving law enforcement in prevention has many difficulties that would lessen its effectiveness.
 - ⇒ Allison suggested collaborating with programs other than law-enforcement such as vocational training to reach these men.
- It was also suggested the Committee recommend reaching HI/MSM and men in the BVHP with health messages including, but not limited to, those about HIV;
- Steven T suggested the Committee continue to look for prevention opportunities collaborating with men's health and social services.

Working With Community Leaders/Elders

- Steve T said the Committee could recommend to the Council that it undertake a project to locate and work with community leaders in the BVHP.
- Gayle noted that there were church leaders at the SCAN meeting in BVHP who reported that they are already talking with men at risk as well as their partners.
- Gayle suggested working with grandparents as a means of reaching the target populations.
 - ⇒ Grandparents, she noted often have a huge influence, and her experiences tells her that they are open to learning about and participating in prevention.
- Eileen noted that at the recent health fair, an organization, "*Grandmothers raising Grandchildren*" asked for prevention information. They were interested in having someone provide an in-service on HIV Prevention.
- Gayle observed that grandparents often approach the Native American AIDS Project at Powwows and other events, and they are like the backbone of the community.
 - ⇒ She added that lots of elders are aware of what is going on and want to be involved.
- Steven G suggested this as a way of dealing the stigma and shame.
- Allison added that the Committee could recommend the RFP specify reaching grandparents.
 - ⇒ She added that the providers will figure out how to do so.

Female Friends/Partners

- It was observed that Oprah Winfrey opened the eyes of many of these non-prevention providers, who are just becoming aware of men "*on the down-low*" (HI/MSM).
- Steve G suggested exploring ways to reach HI/MSM through their straight female friends.
 - ⇒ Steven T noted that reaching at-risk men through their wives has been attempted unsuccessfully in the past, finding there was simply too much denial.

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- ⇒ Gayle said that even though there is a good deal of denial, female friends almost always know what a man is up to.
- Steven T noted a recent article in "Ebony" magazine on the issues female partners of men "on the down-low" face including: domestic violence, fear of losing him, and fear of losing his financial support.
 - ⇒ Ben Peacock responded that in the BVHP there are many women supporting their men.
- Steven said that attempting to reach these men indirectly is truly a new approach, which is the mission of this committee.

Community Education/ Training

- Gayle suggested the Committee include a recommendation regarding community training.
- Allison noted that religious leaders in the BVHP would like to be part of prevention, but they don't know how; citing that one had been to some training on how to talk about it.
- Steven T said the Committee could recommend the Council conduct a community education project, perhaps starting with churches and community leaders.
- Allison noted that this is also a community level intervention.

Summary / Proposed New Approaches

The following summarizes the ideas aired at this meeting and agreed by participants as new approaches to the HI/MSM and BVHP communities.

- The Committee should recommend to the Council indirect approaches to reaching the target groups including through:
 - ⇒ Non-prevention providers such as Healthcare and Social Services;
 - Solicit non-prevention providers and provide technical assistance to apply for funding, including through the HPPC's RFP;
 - ⇒ Promoting health and social services for men;
 - ⇒ Identify and work with established community leaders
 - They are often people connected with church, or education,
 - They might also be family elders - including grandparents; and
 - ⇒ Friends and partners of at-risk men.
- The Committee should also recommend that the Council undertake community education and training.

It was noted that the proposed recommendations fit into the Diffusion of Effective Behavioral Interventions (DEBI) and Replicating Effective Programs (REP) project; or the DEBI Plus and REP Plus project.

6. Clarification for September Meeting

The following items are topics for discussion and for formal review at the next Committee meeting 09/20/04:

1. How to incorporate recommended approaches to HI/MSM and the BVHP in the RFP;
 2. Review all of the Committee's proposed recommendations; and
 3. Start preparing for the Committee's presentation of recommendations to the Council.
- It was also agreed that members would be provided with a document showing all of its proposed suggestions by BRP as bullet points.

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- ⇒ Allison, Eileen and Vincent will put this together and distribute it to members prior to the next meeting.
- Steve G asked if there would be enough time at the 09/20/04 meeting for all items.
 - ⇒ Allison noted that the Prevention With Positive Committee is extending their meeting by a half hour prior to their presentation to Council.

Discussion followed and it was agreed to extend the time of the meeting from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, and that pizza or sandwiches will be provided.

7. Evaluation and Closure

Eileen noted that there would be a Zoomerang evaluation email.

The meeting adjourned at 6:27 PM

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New Approaches to Prevention Committee
Monday, September 20, 2004
5:00-7:00 PM
25 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 330A
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AGENDA

1. Welcome, Introduction and Announcements 5:00-5:05
2. Public Comment 5:05-5:15
3. Approve 7/19 & 8/16 minutes (vote) 5:25-5:30
4. Review Findings from work done on all prioritized populations 5:30-6:30
 - Identify Gaps
 - Develop Action Plan
5. Plan Presentation to HPPC 6:30-6:55
 - Select presenters
6. Closing & Evaluation 6:55-7:00

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Members Present: Gayle Burns, Dave Hook, John Newmeyer, Joani Marinoff, and Steven Tierney.

Members Absent: Steve Gibson, Janetta Johnson, and Mike Schement (on leave).

Professional Staff: Vincent Fuqua (HPS), Eileen Loughran (HPS), David Weinman (Note Taker), and Allison Weston (Harder & Co).

Guests: Ben Peacock

1. Welcome and Announcements

Vincent Fuqua called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM noting the absence of the Chair. He invited the attendees to introduce themselves and to make announcements.

- Vincent distributed a flyer entitled, "*Mirror, mirror on the wall...*" announcing a forum / discussion on body image in the gay men's community, Wednesday 09/22/04. The San Francisco Gay Men's Community Initiative (SFGMCI) sponsored the event.
- Gayle Burns announced that Chata has been moved to the Matri facility.
 - ⇒ She also reported that his mother visited and was pleased to know that her son has so many friends and is in a good place.
- Joani Marinoff apologized for not being able to attend some of the previous meetings as she had scheduling conflicts.
 - ⇒ She noted, however, that she has kept up with the minutes and other materials that have been sent to her.
- David Weinman noted that he would not be in attendance at the next Committee meeting.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes from the 07/19/04 & 8/16/04 Meetings

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 7/19/04 meeting. There was no discussion, comment, or objection. The minutes were approved with Dave Hook abstaining.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the 8/16/04 meeting.

- Gayle highlighted the discussion commentary on page five
 - ⇒ Gayle said that even though there is a good deal of denial, female friends almost always know when a man is 'on the down-low.'" (emphasis added)
 - ⇒ She stated that she would never use the expression "on the down-low" and suggested the clause read,
 - "... female friends almost always know what a man is up to."

There was no more discussion on the motion. The amendment was accepted without objection. The motion to approve the minutes as amended was approved with Dave Hook abstaining.

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4. Review Findings from work done on all prioritized populations

Vincent introduced the subject and Allison Weston provided an overview the document entitled, "*New Approaches to Prevention Population Summary Sheets*," (the Population Summary) a copy of which had been distributed to members by email. Her explanation included the following.

- ⇒ The Population Summary reflects the Committee's discussions.
- ⇒ It is provided to members for comment, correction, and addition.
- ⇒ By so doing the intention is to ensure that everything the Committee discussed and agreed upon is included in the comprehensive recommendation to the HPPC.

Some discussion followed regarding Gay/MSM (G/MSM) Speed Users including the following.

- John Newmeyer suggested making the sentence structure more consistent.
- Discussion followed regarding the suggestion of, "*taking stigma away from admitting one uses Speed*," including:
 - Some members expressed discomfort with anything that could be construed as condoning, or tolerating, the use of Speed;
 - Some expressed the desire to condemn any use of Speed;
 - Some expressed the view that a strong condemnation of Speed - as with any such prohibition - has proven to be an ineffective tactic in reducing use; and
 - Members said that taking a moralistic stance on Speed would be divisive and would not be accepted by the whole Council.
- ⇒ It was pointed out that the intent of the recommendation was to encourage Speed users to be comfortable discussing their use openly.
- ⇒ Rather than "Taking stigma away," suggested wording changes included:
 - * "*Encourage people to discuss their use of Speed*," and
 - * "*Encourage more open discussion...*"
- John suggested inserting between the first Item for Follow-up (Summary of research on Harm Reduction and Speed use) and its corresponding Recommendation (Put together Harm Reduction messages) the subjective, "*If any are found effective*" thus limiting the recommendation to messages with demonstrated effectiveness.
- He also suggested that the second Item for Follow-up (Review literature to help Speed users in socialization) and its corresponding Recommendation (Taking the stigma away from admitting one uses Speed) could be merged.
- Dave noted a study recently reported in New York Times that indicated there might not be a correlation between Speed and HIV.
 - ⇒ Gayle said her experience indicates that this could be a difference between the epidemic in NY and SF.
- Allison noted that The Population Summary leads to the proposed draft of the Committee's presentation to the Council entitled, "*Innovation and Creativity: New approaches to prevention*," (the Presentation) a copy of which had been emailed to all members.

It was suggested and agreed to format the remaining discussion by following the sequence laid out in the Proposal. The ensuing discussion included the following.

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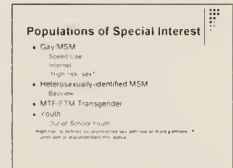
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Slide #3: Populations of Special Interest

- Steve Gibson, Allison, and members of the professional staff met to review the Population Summary and the Presentation.
 - ⇒ For the Presentation, they agreed to suggest combining under G/MSM:
 - Speed Users,
 - Looking for Sex on the Internet, and
 - Having "high-risk" sex.
- Joani noted that the Heterosexually-identified MSM (HI/MSM) group is a way of addressing the female partners of these men.
 - ⇒ Allison suggested the presenter could note, that part of the Committee's interest in HI/MSM relates to their female partners -
 - ⇒ Steven suggested adding a box-statement saying, "*With HI/MSM there is a bonus of reaching the women who have sex with them.*"
- It was questioned why this slide mentions only the BVHP when addressing HI/MSM.
 - ⇒ Steven noted that HI/MSM are in other groups and other regions of the city.
 - ⇒ Joani observed that SCAN data has been collected specifically from BVHP, although this is probably also an issue in other communities.

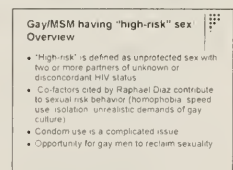


Proposal was made and there was agreement by consensus that:

- a. The title of the slide be, "*Populations to Focus on in 2004-05*"
- b. A notation be added that HI/MSM in the BVHP was the population agreed upon for initial focus based on discussion as well as the available data; and
- c. Other groups should be researched for focus in future years.

Slide #5: G/MSM having "high-risk" sex: Overview

- **Bullet One - Definition**
 - ⇒ It was noted that the definition of "high-risk" sex used is essentially the CDC's.
 - ⇒ The typographical error was noted "dis-concordant" should be "discordant"
 - ⇒ Dave Hook suggested the Committee propose further discussion and clarification on the definition of "high-risk" sex
- **Bullet Three - Complications in using condoms**
 - ⇒ Suggestion was made to include some of the issues discussed, such as:
 - Condoms denote illness,
 - Their use contributes to erectile dysfunction,
 - They raise questions about partner's faithfulness.



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Slide #6: Gay/MSM having "high-risk" sex: Recommendations

- **Bullet One** - Develop ways to reach family and friends...
 - ⇒ Steven pointed out that the draft goes beyond the Council's purview, it does not develop interventions or conduct programs - it recommends research and programs, prioritizes funding, and helps inform public policy.
 - ⇒ He suggested the bullet read, "Reach MSM through programs focused on family and friends."
 - ⇒ Joani suggested changing the bullet to something along the line of, "Reach MSM through interventions focused on key-people in their lives such as friends and family and through social and community networks."
- **Bullet Two** - Use of Condoms...
 - ⇒ Steven suggested recommending formative research be conducted with people who are not using condoms to find out why, and to then address the issues identified.
 - Joani suggested adding social marketing.
 - ⇒ Dave noted that strategies about disclosure are old and have not worked.
 - Allison observed that the Committee discussed other options.
 - Steve noted that disclosure isn't limited to talking about HIV prior to sex.

Gay/MSM having "high-risk" sex: Recommendations

- Develop ways to reach family and friends as new approach
- Identify new ways to reach people and new ways to teach safer sex and discuss issues surround safer sex (i.e. condom use, disclosure, etc.)
- Offer sex education counseling to inform people how prevention techniques affect sex (i.e. condom use)

There was agreement by consensus to include a list of obstacles to using condoms as well as responses and interventions.

Proposal was made and agreed upon by consensus that Bullet Two include conducting formative research about the obstacles to safe, healthy, satisfying, safe sex and creating interventions based on the finding.

- **Bullet Three** - Education on prevention
 - ⇒ Gayle noted that the Committee's brainstorming highlighted the need to continue prevention education.
 - ⇒ Steven suggested moving the interventions based on the findings of the formative research to this bullet.
 - ⇒ Joani suggested tying this into the summit on Speed use, adding that it is difficult to separate Speed and "high-risk" sex.
 - Steven pointed out that recent research indicates only 12% of MSM are using Speed and cautioned against generalizing.
 - He added that the often cited notion of stopping MSM from using Speed would end the epidemic simply is not so.

Slide #7 & 8: Gay/MSM Cruising the Internet: Overview & Recommendations

- **Overview Bullets One & Two: Sero-sorting and Disclosure ...**
 - ⇒ Gayle asked if there was a more appropriate way of stating this.
 - ⇒ John noted that the communication is often by silence - if one doesn't say he is negative he is probably positive.
 - ⇒ Steven said that the issue isn't disclosure as much as it is honesty.

Gay/MSM Cruising the Internet: Overview

- Men may "sara-sort" online
- Disclosure on-line is difficult
- Limitations to on-line outreach and prevention messages (i.e. people don't want their space invaded)
- Online STD Testing
 - Example of web-based approach
 - 5-10 men get tested per week, 5% prevalence
 - Identifying partners at high risk and treatment
 - Favorable consumer response (free anonymity, not having to wait at clinic, etc.)

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- Steven asked what would be a reasonable recommendation to make regarding use of the Internet, suggestions included:

- Social marketing
- Enhancing honesty as a community norm
- Encourage a short-hand language for online use
- Safe-cruising skill building - on-line training
- Improve safer sex language
- Streaming video (video clips online)
- Recruit national opinion leaders to do safer sex interventions/training on-line.

⇒ Ben Peacock remarked that the CDC might not want to fund some of these ideas.

Proposal was made and agreed upon to utilize the Internet for:

- Non-intrusive Social Marketing;
- Harm Reduction activities - including but not limited to messages; and
- Increasing safer sex language by way of on-line training.

Gay/MSM Cruising the Internet: Recommendations

- Find new ways to help men talk about HIV online
- Explore options to disclosure
- Explore intervention options for internet besides direct messages: invading chat rooms, etc.
- Target people who use Internet in other venues

Slide #9: Gay/MSM who use Speed: Overview

- Bullet Three** - When/how does casual use migrate to habitual use...

⇒ Joani suggested the differences between casual and habitual use be specified or defined.

- Bullet Four** - Barriers to stopping use of Speed...

⇒ Discussion followed regarding the need for this bullet to be reworded.

⇒ Some members expressed need for abstinence, others not.

Gay/MSM who use Speed: Summary

- Many factors that influence Speed use
- Different mechanisms of use
- Difficult to determine how/when casual use migrates to habitual
- Difficult to stop using- how to achieve benefits (i.e. great sex) without Speed?

Proposal was made and agreed by consensus that different interventions are needed for various parts of the casual to habitual use spectrum.

Proposal was made and agreed by consensus that Allison will word smith this slide and resubmit to members with sufficient time for their comment prior to the presentation.

Slide #10: Gay/MSM who use Speed: Recommendations

- Bullet One** - Culturally accessible and innovative interventions

⇒ Joani asked if "culturally accessible and innovative" has been determined and documented.

⇒ Steven stated that significant data has been collected as a result of work by Rafael Diaz and others.

⇒ Allison said that the providers should determine what is culturally appropriate / accessible, that this is not the Council's role.

- Bullet Two** - Social Marketing and Harm Reduction messages are needed...

⇒ Joani suggested community interventions rather than just messages.

Gay/MSM who use Speed: Recommendations

- Prioritize culturally accessible and innovative interventions dealing with Speed
- Social Marketing and Harm reduction messages on community and individual levels are needed
- Find ways to ease stigma away from admitting Speed use
- Conduct a community summit on Speed use- could use Gay Men's Health Initiative as place to start
- Identify the options available for treatment

It was proposed and agreed by consensus that the Committee recommend:

- A summit on Speed,
- Prioritizing culturally accessible/appropriate interventions, and

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- c) The use of social marketing and social networking (to users and non-users) as interventions.

Slide #11 and 12: Heterosexually-Identified MSM

- No changes

Slide #13 and 14 & 15: MTF/FTM Transgender

- Allison noted that the contents of these slides came out of recent Council meetings on the subjects.
- **#15 Bullet One** Design element of prevention for partners
 - ⇒ John asked how to find partners of Transgendered people.
 - ⇒ Steven suggested recommending research to find out who these partners are and how to reach them.
 - He added that a program couldn't be designed for a group the Council doesn't know much about.
 - ⇒ Ben suggested that this is something that quantitative research might not be the best tool to deal with, that perhaps this is a job for anthropology.
- Joani suggested adding something about the specific issues raised during Council presentations: housing and police relations.
 - ⇒ Allison noted that these issues have gone to the Steering Committee for action.
 - ⇒ Steven suggested recommending the RFP specify that programs addressing these populations include housing and police relations components.

MTF/FTM Transgender: Overview

- Many recommendations came from Council presentations and discussions
- Prevalence: Incidence of HIV in transgender community difficult to assess
- Need for provider training discussed- defined as what providers need to know to effectively provide services and address needs of transgender individuals (Goes beyond cultural competency)
- Need more information regarding HIV risk in FTM transgender community

MTF/FTM Transgender: Recommendations

- Collect data on the risks actually facing TG communities in SF
- Create provider trainings that go beyond cultural competency
 - Cover health needs specific to transgender clients
 - Provide direction in dealing with transgender community, rather than just addressing assumptions
 - Create a brochure or pamphlet for information from 301104 and 408084 Council meetings for medical providers

MTF/FTM Transgender: Recommendations (continued)

- Design an element of prevention for partners of transgender individuals
- Develop a comprehensive safer sex training for FTMs
- Find creative ways to address the needs of hidden populations

Proposal was made and agreed to include a recommendation to conduct research on the partners of transgendered people.

Proposal was made and agreed to delete "Find creative ways to address hidden populations."

Slide #16 & 17: Youth

- **Overview Bullet #1** - Number of homeless youth
 - ⇒ John suggested that 8,000 homeless youth is too high unless it includes "marginally housed"
 - Ben said this is the number the City uses in many of its reports.

Youth: Overview

- Approximately 8,000 homeless youth in SF- more if take into account marginally-housed
- 7.8% new HIV infections are among youth (more in drug)
- Few health care facilities/services focus on out-of-school youth
- Many homeless youth have history of sexual abuse/trauma

Proposal was made and agreed to reword the number of homeless youth to include "marginally housed."

5. Plan Presentation to HPPC

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Allison noted that Steve Gibson and Gayle volunteered to do the presentation. The motion to be included in the presentation will be that the Council accepts the recommendations and send it to the HPS.

- ⇒ She noted that the motion will include the severability of the different parts of the recommendation - if any part of the recommendation is rejected the remainder would still be accepted.

There was agreement with this way of proceeding.

Allison will distribute a rework of the Presentation by email and asks Members to read and make comments either to her or to members of the professional staff.

Eileen noted that there would be a Zoomerang evaluation email.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM

*THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY OCTOBER 18TH, 2004
FROM 5:00 PM TO 6:30 PM - 25 VAN NESS AVE., RM 330A*

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| 4. Address Council Concerns from 10/14 presentation, if applicable | 5:25-5:50 |
| 5. Develop document to present to SFDPH | 5:50-6:25 |
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Members Absent: Ben Peacock, Janetta Johnson, and Mike Schement (on leave).

Professional Staff: Vincent Fuqua (HPS), Eileen Loughran (HPS), and Allison Weston (Harder & Co).

1. Welcome and Announcements

Steve Gibson called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM. He invited the attendees to introduce themselves and to make announcements.

- Vincent announced a community meeting focusing on issues of race within personal and intimate relationships with other gay men. The meeting is sponsored by the SFGMCI. It will be held on 11/4/2004 @the LGBT Center from 7:00 -9:00 PM. Please contact the San Francisco Gay men's Community Initiative for more information @ sfgmci@yahoo.com or (415)552-9393.
- John announced that he will be unable to attend the November committee meeting.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes from the 9/20/2004 Meeting

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 9/20/04 meeting. There was no discussion, comment, or objection. The minutes were approved with Steve Gibson abstaining.

4. Address Council Concerns from 10/14 presentation

- The group began the discussion by agreeing that the presentation to the Council went well.
- John further explained that our recommendations allow for the creativity of those applying for funds.
- The committee members discussed the concerns that interest in heterosexually-identified MSM was being focused in the BVHP. It was pointed out during the Council meeting, that other communities, not just African American, also have heterosexually-identified MSM. There was concern that this feeds into the hype of the "down-low" that has come about from Oprah or other recent media hype. The NAP members agree that this is an issue that is not just happening in the Black Community.
- The committee members discussed that the BVHP is a starting point that coincides with the data that we have from the BVHP SCAN. Allison will work on the wording so that it is noted that for Heterosexually-identified MSM we will start in the BVHP.
- The group discussed the issue of poppers brought up by Hank Wilson. It was suggested that poppers be included when researching High-risk sex.
- It was recommended that we accumulate a 2 page bullet point list of the history of poppers.

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- The group also agreed that we should gather some data that correlates HIV and popper use.
- The Nap committee agreed that we need to emphasize to the Council that our list of populations was not an exhaustive list. We did not have enough time to cover every population or area of interest.

5. Develop document to present to SFDPH

- It was suggested that a document be prepared that demonstrates success. For example: Success in three months would look like this.....
- Steven suggested that by 7/1/2005 the NAP committee would like a report from HPS on the agencies that were funded based on the committee's New approaches; and then three months later, 9/1/2005, we want to know what AIDS Office staff intend to do about the agencies that weren't funded.

Eileen noted that there would be a Zoomerang evaluation email.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM

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Professional Staff: Vincent Fuqua (HPS), Eileen Loughran (HPS), David Weinman (Note taker) and Allison Weston (Harder & Co).

1. Welcome and Announcements

Steve Gibson called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM. He invited the attendees to introduce themselves and to make announcements.

- It was explained that beginning in January 2005 Matt Jennings will be a member of the Council. Steve G. suggested that the other two community members, Dave Hook and Ben Peacock, consider participating again on committees in 2005. Steve G. asked that HPS staff send out community member applications as soon as we know the committees for 2005.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes from the 10/18/2004 Meeting

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 10/18/04 meeting. There was no discussion, comment, or objection. The minutes were approved without abstention.

4. Present document prepared for SFDPH

Allison Weston distributed the document entitled, "*RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEW APPROACHES TO HIV PREVENTION*," a copy of which is available to absent members upon request. She provided explanation including the following.

- ⇒ This is a memorandum to the SFDPH covering the slide presentation the NAP Committee made at the 10/14/04 HPPC meeting, entitled, "*Innovation and Creativity: New Approaches to Prevention*."
- ⇒ The memo outlines how to implement the recommendations, and provides an overview of other cofactors not specifically addressed in the Committee's 2004 work.
- ⇒ A draft of the cover memo was sent to members by email a week before the Committee meeting.

Discussion followed

- ⇒ Steve noted that some word-smithing took place between the emailed draft memo and the final including referring to the use of poppers as an '*emerging issue*' and adding interviewing "*key informants*."
- Allison noted that the Committee's recommendations do not specify who should conduct the interviews. The HPS would make that decision when they decide to move forward on this issue. It is an option that Harder & Co could be retained to do this work.

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- ⇒ Allison said that next year the Council might refer poppers as a cofactor to a Committee for recommendations/study.
 - She pointed out that the wording in the memo is intentionally vague, allowing the SFDPH latitude in addressing poppers.
- ⇒ Vincent pointed out that the HPPC would continue to encourage new approaches to prevention and have a committee exploring such, although it may not be called, the "New Approaches to Prevention" Committee.
 - He added that both the NAP and PWP (Prevention with Positives) committees have asked to be continued in some form next year.
- ⇒ It was noted that the Steering Committee would discuss next years' Committees at its December meeting. Suggestions would be emailed to members by the end of the week.
- ⇒ Steve pointed out that next year's committees would be discussed at Council Meeting 12/09/04.
 - He added that at the last meeting the Council usually collects members' choices for committee assignment.
- ⇒ Vincent observed that some other ideas have been put forward, including a committee to look specifically at substance abuse.

5. Follow-up Steps

Poppers

- Ben said he saw a poster at the Castro Street Fair about the negative effects of using poppers, however, he couldn't recall who sponsored the message.
- Dave asked about process regarding issues raised, but not specifically dealt with by the Committee, such as poppers.
 - ⇒ Steve said that the SFDPH reviews recommendations made by HPPC including by incorporating the suggestions in the RFP.
 - ⇒ He added that the SFDPH may take action directly, or ask for recommendations of HPPC or similar CABs (Community Advisory Boards).

6. Discuss Next Meeting

Eileen pointed out that the Committee's work for the year is finished but that a meeting is scheduled for 12/20/04. A discussion followed about the need for the December meeting.

- Steve said that the only item he had intended to propose for the meeting was a discussion of what the Committee's successor could/should deal with next year.
 - As there was sufficient time remaining he suggested members discuss the Committee's work for the 2005 term (if it were decided to continue with a NAP committee).
 - He also offered to represent the committee's ideas at the next Steering Committee meeting.
 - If this item were addressed, he would support canceling the 12/20/04 meeting.

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- For the benefit of new members, Steve and Allison provided an overview of the 2004 Committees' objectives; including the Strategic Plan developed by the Evaluation Committee.

Suggestions for the NAP Committee's Successor

- Gayle Burns suggested the Committee look at healing for Mind, Body, and Spirit.
 - ⇒ She suggested exploring the "*Traditional*" healing methods used in the various communities.
 - She cited examples offered by Native American AIDS Project (NAAP) and the healing aspects of many of their programs.
 - ⇒ She added that this should include healing provided by clergy and that as the term "*Mental Health*" is used is not sufficient.
- Steve suggested the Committee look at Rapid HIV Testing's impact in SF.
 - The exploration, he added, should determine if agencies have the capacity to deal with all of the ramifications of Rapid Testing.
- Dave suggested the Committee explore what is being researched about Rapid Testing with an eye to ensuring the impact on prevention is being studied.
 - ⇒ Ben said that a lot of work is being done on Rapid Testing, although it may be too new to show long term effects.
 - He also pointed out that testing, whether traditional or rapid, is looked by some in power as the whole of prevention.
 - ⇒ Vincent added that the research currently being conducted doesn't specifically address prevention.
- Matt suggested looking at the impact of Rapid Testing on counseling.
 - ⇒ Steve noted that the "*Feds*" recommended Rapid Testing with or without counseling, but that SF has taken a different view.
- Ben asked if it is known what the "*No-show*" percentage is on getting testing results.
 - ⇒ Dave said that it is very low at AHP.
 - ⇒ Steve added, however, that SF might have different experience than elsewhere.
- Gayle suggested the Committee ensure research data is shared directly with providers - perhaps through community presentations.
- Vincent suggested also looking PREP (Pre-Exposure Prevention).
 - ⇒ It was explained that PREP is the protocol of giving people who expect to engage in risky sexual behavior a dose of anti-retrovirals prior to their potential exposure to the virus.
 - ⇒ Steve noted that it is now called "*Project T*" and is based on the use of specific medication(s).
 - ⇒ Vincent added that research on PREP is currently being done in the SF AIDS Office.
- Allison pointed out that earlier in the year the Committee came up with several topics that could be looked into but decided to focus on a few this year.
 - ⇒ David Weinman noted that the document entitled, "*New Approaches to Prevention Committee, Possible Activities*" included the Committee's brainstorm on possible issues and was distributed at the 02/23/04 meeting.

HIV PREVENTION PLANNING COUNCIL (HPPC)

New Approaches to Prevention Committee

Action Minutes From Meeting:

November 15th, 2004

- Ben suggested reviewing the impact of the CDC current attempt to flatten acceptable approaches by requiring them to comply with DEBI (Diffusion of Effective Behavioral Interventions) and/or REPs (Replicating Effective Programs).
 - ⇒ Allison noted the Council's discussion of DEBIs and REPs at the 08/12/04 and 09/09/04 meetings.
 - ⇒ Ben said that it would be interesting to look into the limits of what the CDC is willing to finance vis a vis the DEBIs it has delineated.
 - ⇒ He and Dave added that SF is an ideal place to come up with new approaches to the established DEBI and REP program.
- Ben said that what the Committee presented to the Council was more a Needs Assessment than a list of new strategies / approaches.
 - ⇒ Steve and Dave noted that the Committee's thought process changed over the course of the year.

Steve proposed that the committee not meet in December.

- There was no further discussion, no objections or questions were raised, the proposal was accepted by consensus, and there will not be a December Committee meeting.

7. Closing and Evaluation

- Vincent said that staff would contact Ben and Dave about the committees established for the 2005 term to determine which, if any, they would be interested in joining.
- Eileen noted that there would be a Zoomerang evaluation email by Kevin Roe.

The meeting adjourned at 5:52 PM

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